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Drugs-linked BCCI is shut worldwide

Billions frozen as bank closes in fraud enquiry

By Neil Bennett and Stewart Tendler

DEPOSITS worth billions of pounds were frozen yesterday when the Bank of Credit and Commerce International, one of the biggest privately-owned financial companies in the world, was closed down after the discovery of widespread fraud.

The Bank of England, which led a global operation to suspend BCCI's activities, set up a special unit to co-ordinate action against the Luxembourg-based bank in 69 countries, and papers have been sent to the Serious Fraud Office.

Robin Leigh-Pemberton, the governor of the Bank of England, said he had moved after an accountants' report disclosed "widespread fraud at a very high level". Provisional liquidators were appointed by the High Court yesterday and they will keep all BCCI's deposits frozen until a full winding-up order is made.

About 120,000 Britons have deposits totalling £250 million in British branches of BCCI, many of whose customers were Asian businessmen. They will have to wait months to receive compensation and will be covered for only £15,000 of their savings.

Commercial banks around the world may lose billions on inter-bank trading in the collapse.

BCCI, which is controlled by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi, was one of the fastest-growing banks in the world, but it has been beset by problems. Last year, it admitted laundering drug money for the former Panamanian leader General Manuel Noriega in Florida and fined $15 million. In January this year, two of its managers in London were jailed for laundering money.

Since then the bank, which is an important lender to the British property market and owns 5 per cent of the property and leisure group Control Securities, is said to have lost $200 million in Nigerian investments and a similar amount in currency transactions. The Bank of England has been urged repeatedly to take action against BCCI, but Mr Leigh-Pemberton said yesterday that he had no evidence until last week. "We were aware of the many rumours going around about it and we had been keeping a close eye on the operations," he said. The Bank of England had asked Price Waterhouse, BCCI's accountants, to complete a report on the bank's operations after reading its accounts for 1990. That report was delivered last week.

The fraud had been going on for some time and consisted of false loans and concealed treasury transactions, Mr Leigh-Pemberton said. "I think that this bank has been in difficulties. They have made mistkaes in their lending and treasury. In order to cover this up you have to go in for false accounting which adds up to fraud." Mr Leigh-Pemberton added that he thought BCCI's British staff were unaware of the fraud.

At 1pm yesterday, the Bank of England, together with the Luxembourg monetary institute and the inspector of banks in the Cayman Islands, moved in to close BCCI's main subsidiaries. Bank regulators in America, Spain, Switzerland and France also froze the banks' assets. By yesterday afternoon, Mr Leigh-Pemberton said the vast majority of BCCI's £20 billion assets had been frozen.

The Bank of England did not, however, consult the Abu Dhabi government until after it had closed BCCI. The governor hoped, however, that the authorities in the biggest of the United Arab Emirates would help in the orderly run-down of the bank. Abu Dhabi may also be called on to make good some of the losses arising from the fraud.

The Bank of England's deposit protection fund will compensate deposits for three-quarters of the first £20,000 of their savings. The fund is likely to have to raise a levy on other British banks to pay the compensation since it is in deficit after the collapse of British & Commonwealth merchant bank last year.

Up to 100,000 holders of BCCI credit cards will not be able to use them. Visa International said that customers should not use their cards as they would be refused. Retailers were advised to ask for other cards. Holidaymakers trying to cash the bank's travellers cheques are also

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Noose siege ends: Donald Stewart, held captive in his car at gunpoint for more than 26 hours with a rope around his neck, is shot in the hand before escaping from the car (top). As Mr Stewart runs to safety in Newport, Gwent, armed police in flak jackets rush to arrest his captor. Last night a man was helping South Wales police with their enquiries.

EC imposes total arms embargo on Yugoslavia

From Roger Boyes in Ljubljana and our foreign staff

EUROPEAN Community foreign ministers, meeting in emergency session in The Hague, yesterday imposed a total arms embargo on Yugoslavia.

The Twelve also agreed to send the troika of three foreign ministers, lead by Hans Van den Broek of The Netherlands, back to Yugoslavia to try to arrange a mission to monitor the fragile ceasefire. It will be their third attempt in a week to mediate.

The EC remained divided, however, on whether to recognise the independence of Slovenia and Croatia if the army launched another attack. Germany and Denmark pressed for such a move, but the EC statement said simply that they would reconsider if the ceasefire was breached.

Slovenia yesterday freed Yugoslav army prisoners and said it had demobilised thousands of territorial units. But the republic continued to defy Belgrade's demands to give up border posts, and prepared for a showdown at the weekend with the army. Croatia also said it would fight if Yugoslav tanks crossed its territory on the way to crush Slovenian independence.

Dr Dusan Plut, a member of the Slovene presidency who has been negotiating with the Fifth Army command, said that barricades had been removed from outside army barracks, allowing the besieged soldiers to receive food and other supplies. Prisoners of war were also handed over to the Red Cross and waited for trains to take them south.

Slovene soldiers were still manning the republic's 27 international border crossings with Austria, Hungary and Italy. The Slovene flag still flew there.

In Belgrade the Yugoslav army high command sharply attacked Ante Markovic, the prime minister, saying he was to blame for the turmoil in the country that has killed more than 50 people. "The events in Slovenia were caused by the federal government," General Marko Negovanovic told a news conference. He came close to calling for Mr Markovic's resignation.

In Slovenia the immobilised lorries blockading the highways and city streets either stay in place or have been replaced by improvised anti-tank fencing made out of welded railway track. The Slovenes insist that all captured military equipment will be returned only after a suitable war reparations deal has been reached. The Slovenes say that 180 buildings were destroyed by the Yugoslav army.

Tension is also building up between the leadership of Croatia – which like Slovenia is trying secede from Yugoslavia – and the army. Croatian national guards have been battling with Serb extremists who crossed the Danube to help foment trouble in the Serbian enclaves in Croatia. The Croatian authorities believe that the army, which has stationed large tank concentrations close to their border, have been protecting these Serbs. At least two Croatian policemen were killed in fighting on Thursday and several people, most of them Serbs, were killed in the village of Borovo Naselje.

In Belgrade thousands of young Serbs are fleeing from Belgrade to avoid being drafted into the army. "Belgrade's airport over the past few days resembles Saigon as everybody scrambles to get out," an airport official said.

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Americans flocking to see Kevin Kostner as Robin Hood are actually seeing Kostner expressing his political ideology. Then there is Arnold Schwarzenegger, who may not at first sight seem to be political in *Terminator 2*. Charles Bremner on message acting

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Most burgundy, says David Lipsey, tastes nasty, brutish and short. Still, nothing is perfect. Lipsey and his burgundy-loving ilk are not of the easy come, easy go variety, which is why nine years spent searching for a decent example is simply a minor inconvenience, an investment of time for a return of ecstasy

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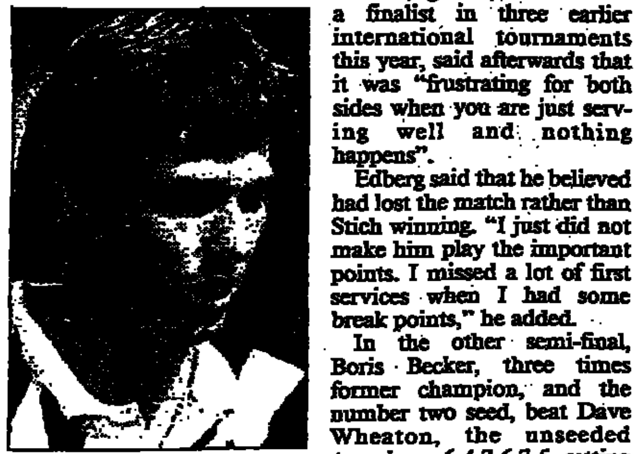
The *Saturday Review* talks to Baroness Warnock about not quite retiring and visits the men who are fighting, in Kuwait, the world's fiercest oil fires

Edberg falls to battling Stich

By John Goodbody

STEFAN Edberg, of Sweden, the defending champion and number one seed, was beaten yesterday by Michael Stich, of Germany, in a four-set semi-final at Wimbledon.

Stich, seeded six, won 4-6,7-6,7-6,7-6 in a match lasting 188 minutes. Edberg, who has figured in every final in the last three years, never lost his own serve but broke that of the German just once. Three sets went to tie-breaks, in which the Swede made several uncharacteristic errors.



Stich: victory sets up an all-German men's final

Edberg's defeat is the biggest shock of a tournament which has already seen the departure in previous rounds of Martina Navratilova and Ivan Lendl, who had been widely tipped to meet Boris Becker in the final.

Stich, aged 22, who has been a finalist in three earlier international tournaments this year, said afterwards that it was "frustrating for both sides when you are just serving well and nothing happens".

Edberg said that he believed had lost the match rather than Stich winning. "I just did not make him play the important points. I missed a lot of first services when I had some break points," he added.

In the other semi-final, Boris Becker, three times former champion, and the number two seed, beat Dave Wheaton, the unseeded American, 6-4,7-6,7-5, setting up an all-German final on Sunday.

On the second day of the third Test at Trent Bridge, the West Indies are 38 runs behind England's first innings total of 300, with five wickets in hand. Robin Smith made an unbeaten 64 as England's first innings closed with Curtly Ambrose taking 5-74. For the West Indies, Viv Richards scored 80 before he was controversially bowled by Richard Illingworth.

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A Dutch appeal court has acquitted four suspected members of the IRA of the murder last year of two tourists in Roermond. Gerard Harte's appeal against his conviction by a lower court was upheld ....Page 3

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France has honoured Alain Mafart, the saboteur of the Greenpeace protest ship Rainbow Warrior – only two months after the French prime minister visited New Zealand and apologised for the 1985 bombing of the vessel .Page 7

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Kinnock prepares biggest purge

By Philip Webster
Chief Political Correspondent

NEIL Kinnock yesterday prepared the way for Labour's biggest single purge of the Militant tendency and a disciplinary investigation into the conduct of Terry Fields, the Militant-supporting Labour MP for Liverpool Broadgreen.

About 100 party members in Liverpool and more from outside are likely to be swiftly expelled, many by the end of the month, for supporting the Militant-backed candidate Lesley Mahmood in the Walton by-election.

Mr Kinnock moved to capitalise on Militant's rout by Peter Kilfoyle, the man who has pursued them for years as a party regional organiser, by promising to act fairly but firmly against anyone who has breached the party constitution. That means anyone who has actively supported and campaigned for Ms Mahmood.

Mr Kinnock's anger was plain. He said: "Clearly among the matters to be considered in the general review of the by-election are the reasons why a neighbouring MP was not engaged in the campaign."

Labour's pleasure at Mr Kilfoyle's triumph was tempered by the big reduction in its majority caused by a 13 per swing to the Liberal Democrats and a low turnout, and by the latest national opinion poll suggesting that its lead over the Conservatives has narrowed sharply. The Tories counter-attacked after their worst by-election result in 70 years by demanding action

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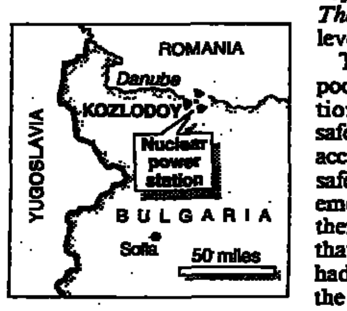
Fear of second Chernobyl

International scientists want a Bulgarian nuclear plant shut at once to avert disaster, Nigel Hawkes reveals

Experts from the International Atomic Energy Agency have given a warning of the risks of a nuclear disaster in Bulgaria on the scale of Chernobyl.

An emergency meeting of environment and energy ministers is to be held at the Vienna headquarters of the agency on Tuesday in an attempt to persuade the Bulgarian government to close the nuclear plant at Kozlodoy, 125 miles north of Sofia. Among those due to attend are the French and German environment ministers and a senior official from the department of energy, Dr Timothy Walker, head of the Atomic Energy Division. Lord Marshall of Goring, who now runs the World Association of Nuclear Operators, will also be there, together with representatives of the American, Japanese and Bulgarian governments. A group of agency experts visited the Kozlodoy plant last month and were alarmed at the safety failings they uncovered. As a result of pressure from Bulgaria, their report has not been published, but a one-page summary of the key issues in the hands of *The Times* indicates the level of concern.



The experts identified poor work practices, questionable operability of safety equipment in case of accident, many industrial safety hazards, and weak emergency planning. To their horror, they found that Soviet engineers who had been helping to operate the plant had returned home, leaving it to be run by inadequately trained Bulgarians.

These operators were unaware of the core design limits of the plant, ig-

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Prince prescribes spiritual cure for mentally ill

By Thomson Prentice
Medical Correspondent

THE Prince of Wales called yesterday for a return to spiritual values to help heal the casualties of an uncaring society, particularly the mentally ill.

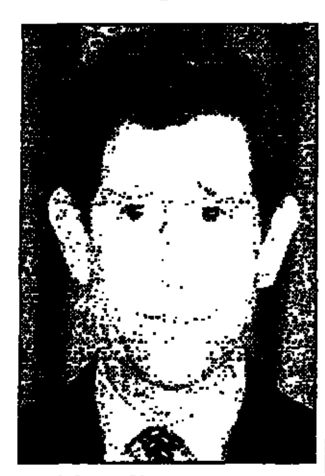
Treatment of mental and physical illnesses were spiritual tasks and not merely matters for medical repair, the prince told the annual conference of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in Brighton. He called for a removal of the stigmas and taboos surrounding mental disorders, for better community care [illegible] sufferers, and for psychiatrists to [illegible] less often to the "chemical [illegible] powerful drugs in their treatments.

The prince said: "We are not just machines ... Should we not be asking ourselves where scientific materialism has been leading us, and what kind of society it has been creating? For the materialist, enlightened [illegible]terest would lead us to see illness [illegible] value and with no meaning, whereas someone with a religious vi[illegible] need to think of it in a much [illegible] frame."

He to[illegible] the [illegible] psychiatrists: "The most [illegible] con[illegible] for Western man is to re[illegible] of [illegible] divine element in his [illegible]tions is a [illegible] which there can never be [illegible] down [illegible] to our existence.

[illegible] idea: th[illegible] danger of cutting ourselves [illegible] [illegible]d that recognises only mind and b[illegible]hen, as is too often the case, [illegible] to be no beliefs but simply a spi[illegible]uum, there are no foundations [illegible]ch to build an acceptance of our own weakness, respect for the unique worth of others, and a reconciliation between those classed as mentally ill and society."

The policy of community care for the mentally ill should make treating the whole person within the whole society easier, but provision did not match demand. The prince challenged the wisdom of large-scale closures of mental hospitals. "There will always be people who need a place of sanctuary where they can work through their pain and suffering, with professional support 24 hours a day. To recognise this would be a step forward in national policy."



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Heseltine may name English Heritage chief in the autumn

Montagu: delay in choice of his successor

With just one favoured candidate, and its present incumbent angry at a lack of action, the chairmanship of English Heritage is still in question, John Young reports

A SUCCESSOR to Lord Montagu of Beaulieu as chairman of English Heritage is expected to be announced by Michael Heseltine, the environment secretary, in the early autumn. The most likely date will be mid-September, when Mr Heseltine will be guest speaker at the launch of English Heritage's annual report.

Lord Montagu, who was due to retire at the end of September after eight years as the first head of the government's independent advisory body, has, as *The Times* reported earlier this week, agreed to stay on for a further six months. He has, however, made no secret of his irritation at the delay in choosing a successor.

The main reason for the delay is seen to be the environment department's strong support for just one candidate, Lord St John of Fawsley, chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission. Chris Patten, former environment secretary and now chairman of the Conservative party, is particularly anxious to see the job being given to Lord St John.

Mr Heseltine succeeded Mr Patten last November but Sir Terence Heiser, the department's permanent secretary, continues to insist that Lord St John is the obvious candidate and the man the government wishes to appoint.

Lord Montagu has apparently never been asked his views on whom he would like to be his successor. He was unable to obtain an appointment with Mr Heseltine, and his only discussions have been with Lord St John himself, at a Royal Academy dinner, and with Sir Simon Hornby, chairman of W.H. Smith, who had been put forward as a potential candidate.

Other possible candidates have included Sir David Wilson, director of the British Museum, Sir Roy Strong, director of the Victoria and Albert museum, and Neil Cossons, director of the Science Museum. None has been approached formally and Sir Simon has made clear that he could not combine the job with that of running a large company.

Many English Heritage staff, including some at senior levels, had voiced strong oppoition to the appointment of Lord St John. They were relieved when he indicated recently that he expected to be fully occupied in his new post as master of Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Lord St John has been characteristically diplomatic, ducking questions from journalists as to whether he was seriously interested in the English Heritage job. He is, however, said to feel wounded by the opposition to his possible appointment.

Lord Montagu says that the whole episode demonstrates a lack of interest in the future of an important quango, which is much in the public eye. It has a budget of more than £100 million a year and, besides advising the government and local authorities, is responsible for archaeology, the listing of buildings of historic and architectural interest, the awarding of repair and restoration grants, and the care and maintenance of hundreds of buildings and ancient monuments.

Lord Montagu is certain to have made clear that the appointment should not be seen as a reward for political services rendered. There are fears that it might go to one of around 70 Conservative MPs who are due to retire at the end of the present Parliament.

An exception might be made for someone such as Peter Walker, who has served with distinction in a number of senior cabinet posts and who has considerable experience and knowledge of environmental matters.

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Labour workers say it is time to stamp out Militant threat

By Ronald Faux

LIVERPOOL WALTON

P Kilfoyle (Lab)	21,317
P Clark (L/Dem)	14,457
L Mahmood (R Lab)	2,613
B Greenwood (C)	1,155
Ld D Sutch (Mon Loony)	546
E G L Dellsle (GLDP)	63
6,860 majority	
Total vote 40,183	Turnout 56.5

1987: E Heffer (Lab) 34,661; P Clark (Lib/All) 11,408; I Mays (C) 7,738; Lab maj: 23,253 (43.2%). Elec. 73,118. Total vote 53,807. Poll 73.6%

LABOUR party workers in Liverpool believe that there will never be a more appropriate time than now to stamp out Militant in the city where the revolutionary movement began. They expressed their feelings after the emphatic defeat of Lesley Mahmood, the Real Labour candidate, in the Walton by-election.

During the three weeks of the by-election campaign Labour supporters of Peter Kilfoyle were asked to note the names of party members working for the rival camp. "There were Labour people hanging out of windows taking photographs of Mahmood supporters as they put up posters," one Liberal Democrat said. "One shadow minister was even seen snapping away. It was as bad as the KGB."

Mr Kilfoyle, who as regional Labour party organiser was responsible for expelling Derek Hatton and other leading Militants, yesterday distanced himself from the latest purge. "If there are members of Militant left in the Labour party in Liverpool they are of no consequence," he said. "They are a small group of highly motivated people who have infiltrated the party and misled large numbers of otherwise reasonable people down blind alleys."

Mr Kilfoyle said that most were already out of the party. "Once you take out that sort of infection there's a prospect of bringing a great many people back into the Labour fold." He said that the people of Liverpool were not interested in being a political laboratory. "They want normal things like jobs, houses and schools."

A dossier of photographs and statements from party workers identifying known Labour members who worked against the elected candidate will soon be on its way to party headquarters. The by-election result has divided Liverpool Militant supporters, many of whom disagreed with the decision to stand against an official Labour candidate and thus depart from the Trotskyite maxim of developing a power base within an existing institution.

Mrs Mahmood was determined to claw some success from the humiliation, insisting that Walton was merely the start of a longer campaign that would put the broad left in control of Liverpool city council within two years. More than 500 people had turned out to support her during the campaign, many of them Labour party members. Many might be expelled, she said, but they would be back in the party when the socialist tide turned.

In Liverpool, for example, 47 left-wing councillors surcharged and banned from municipal office four years ago for refusing to set a legal rate would next year become eligible to stand again as councillors, she said. Many were keen to return to active politics and had kept a popular following in their wards.

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HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Wicket watch: John Major sipping a half-pint as he watches England and the West Indies at Trent Bridge yesterday with Frank Chamberlain, chairman of the Test and County Cricket Board. Test report, page 40

Taxi driver is jailed for attack on soldiers

A TAXI driver who drove two soldiers to their deaths in Belfast was yesterday jailed for seven years. Evan McCaughley, aged 33, was convicted of causing grievous bodily harm to Corporals Derek Wood and David Howes, but acquitted of their murders.

At McCaughley's trial, which took place in January, Belfast crown court saw video film of soldiers being attacked by mourners after their car strayed into the funeral cortege of an IRA man, Kevin Brady, in Andersonstown in 1988. They were stripped and beaten before being bundled into McCaughley's taxi, driven to waste ground and shot dead. The film showed McCaughley, of Belfast, joining in an attack on Cpl Wood and then running away when shots were fired. McCaughley said he realised something bad would happen to whoever he was carrying, but did not think about killing.

Lord Justice MacDermott said yesterday that he was not satisfied that McCaughley had lent himself to the plan to kill the soldiers. His guilt of causing grievous bodily harm lay in his assistance in the attack.

Northern Ireland appeal judges yesterday upheld the convictions of Paul Gerard Kane, aged 32, Michael John Timmons, 31, and Sean Kelly, 21, jailed for life last year for aiding the murders.

Name change

An Indian takeaway in Newport, Gwent, was yesterday banned by a High Court judge from using the name Hilton Tandoori. The proprietor, Tahir Ullah, was ordered by Mr Justice Mervyn Davies to remove all references to the name from his takeaway after the Hilton hotel group, which has 39 hotels in the UK, claimed that it was a deliberate attempt to cause deception and confusion.

Decision delay

Amia Ismail, a former assistant catering manager who claimed he was unfairly dismissed by the Cromwell hospital, London, and alleged that the hospital overcharged patients must wait until September for a decision from an industrial tribunal. The hospital countered his claims by saying that he had publicised the alleged overcharging to embarrass the hospital into paying out substantial sums.

Chess victory

Manchester grammar school yesterday won the British Schools Chess Championship, sponsored by *The Times* and held at the Charing Cross hotel, central London. The team of six beat Sutton Manor high school, Surrey, by four points to two. In the third place play-off, Hymers college, Hull, beat St Columb's college, Londonderry. Four hundred schools took part in the competition.

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By-Elections in Labour seats in England since June 1987

Date	Constituency	Cons	Lab	L/Dem*	Other	Swing Con to Lab	Swing L/Dem to Lab
		%	%	%	%	%	%
June 89	Vauxhall	-10.2	+2.6	-0.7	+8.3	6.4	1.7
May 90	Bootle	-11.0	+8.5	-2.7	+5.3	9.6	5.6
Sept 90	Knowsley S	-6.4	+4.3	-2.4	+4.5	5.3	3.4
Nov 90	Bootle	-10.9	+11.5	-4.1	+3.6	11.3	7.8
Nov 90	Bradford N	-22.7	+8.9	+8.1	+5.6	15.8	0.4
July 91	Liverpool Walton	-11.5	-11.4	+14.8	+8.1	0.0	-13.1
	(Real Lab added to Lab	—	-4.9	—	+1.6	3.3	-9.9)

* Includes Independent Liberals, excludes SDP.

A defeat the Tories can afford

Ivor Crewe on why Labour's by-election win is a hollow victory

THE special politics of Liverpool makes the Walton result more open to misinterpretation than most by-election results. Labour's comfortable, but far from spectacular, win was a poor result for a safe seat where there was no Scottish or Welsh nationalist to siphon additional Labour support.

In every one of the five by-elections in Labour seats in England since the last general election, Labour's vote share has risen, by an average of 7 per cent.

In Walton it fell by 11.4 per cent. This cannot be wholly explained by the broad left's intervention: the combined real Labour plus the official Labour vote was 4.9 per cent down on the 1987 general election. Nor can it be put down to Meryseyside's exceptional swing to Labour in 1987: in the three Merseyside by-elections held last year, the Labour vote increased. In a by-election dominated by local issues, the shenanigans of Liverpool's Labour council appear to have cost the left some support.

Ms Mahmood's 6.5 per cent was the far left's best performance since a Communist won 6.8 per cent in Rhondda West in 1967. However, it was a vote in free fall. In the May local elections "independent" (but Militant-backed) Labour candidates won 38 per cent of the vote in the six wards they contested. Early polls put Ms Mahmood's support at 14 per cent. The more that Militant campaigned for her, the faster her support drained away.

The 15 per cent increase in the Liberal Democrat vote looks impressive at first sight. It was easily the best result since the general election in a working-class Labour seat. But in Liverpool, unlike any other major city, the Liberal Democrats are the main opposition to Labour. Their vote of 36 per cent looks less impressive when compared with the 39 per cent they obtained in Walton in the local elections or the 45 per cent-plus that they won in the mid-Eighties.

The Conservatives' derisory 2.9 per cent vote — a mere seventh of their general election vote — is a powerful symbol of the party's precipitate decline in Liverpool. In the Fifties, the Conservatives ran Liverpool council and held six of the city's nine parliamentary seats. As late as 1979, Liverpool elected a Conservative to the European parliament and a third of what is now the Walton constituency voted Conservative. So much for Mrs Thatcher's 1987 victory promise to move on to inner city.

The crumb of comfort for the Conservatives is that they are failing where they do not need to win. In Liverpool, a by-election signifies nothing about the Tories' national standing. A better pointer to their general election prospects is provided by national polls, at present placing Labour about 3 per cent ahead.

Given the state of the economy and Conservative divisions over Europe, that is far too slim a margin to make Mr Major anxious or Mr Kinnock confident. A year before the 1987 election, the Tories lagged by 6 per cent, yet they went on to win it handsomely.

Ivor Crewe is professor of government, Essex university.

Enquiry into increase in asthma deaths

By Nigel Hawkes
Science Editor

THE National Asthma Campaign has launched a "task-force" to discover why deaths from asthma are rising in Britain.

Donald Lane, the campaign's chairman, said: "Deaths from asthma in England and Wales topped 2,000 in 1988 after a decade of steady increase at just under 10 per cent a year." Dr Lane said that the situation was serious if not scandalous.

The task force, which is supported by the British Thoracic Society and the Royal College of Physicians, will continue confidential enquiries into asthma deaths, study the effects of bronchodilator drugs, and examine asthma care in hospitals and the community.

Doctors are concerned that the increasing use of drugs to control asthma symptoms has not been matched by a reduction in deaths. Some believe that more careful prescribing and better monitoring of patients are needed.

The setting up of the task force comes after a meeting of asthma specialists attended by representatives of many medical bodies, and paediatricians and GPs with an interest in the subject. The group will initiate and co-ordinate research, disseminate recommendations, and act as a liaison body and authoritative voice on asthma issues.

'Job pressure' forces BBC chief out of keynote speech

By Melinda Wittstock, Media Correspondent

JOHN Tusa, managing director of the BBC World Service, has withdrawn unexpectedly from his commitment to give the keynote lecture at this year's Edinburgh international television festival. He gave as his reason "pressures at work".

His decision not to deliver the MacTaggart memorial lecture next month comes just three days after John Birt was chosen by the BBC board of governors to replace Michael Checkland as director-general in 1993.

Mr Tusa, who had been considered by many broadcasters as a strong candidate for director-general, is said not to see eye-to-eye with Mr Birt. Mr Tusa's contract expires at the end of next year.

A World Service spokesman yesterday denied that Mr Tusa's withdrawal from the Edinburgh speech next month had anything to do with Mr Birt's appointment. "Contrary to rumours, he is not about to resign," the spokesman said, refusing to elaborate on the cause or extent of Mr Tusa's working pressures.

In a letter sent yesterday to Roger Bolton, the festival chair and controller of factual programmes at Thames Television, Mr Tusa said: "I am all too aware of the difficulty that late withdrawal such as this causes you and the committee and the embarrassment as well. I can only plead a pressure of work which I should have foreseen, but which would, I now realise, prevent me from delivering the kind of lecture that I would want to give on such an occasion and that the event deserves."

The World Service managing director, who has spent much of his energies launching World Service Television News, had been asked to talk about the future shape of the British television industry and whether Britain could remain at the forefront of change in broadcasting.

Mr Tusa has volunteered to make suggestions about a possible replacement for the lecture, which in the past has been given by Jeremy Isaacs and Rupert Murdoch.

Tusa: rumours denied of resignation from BBC

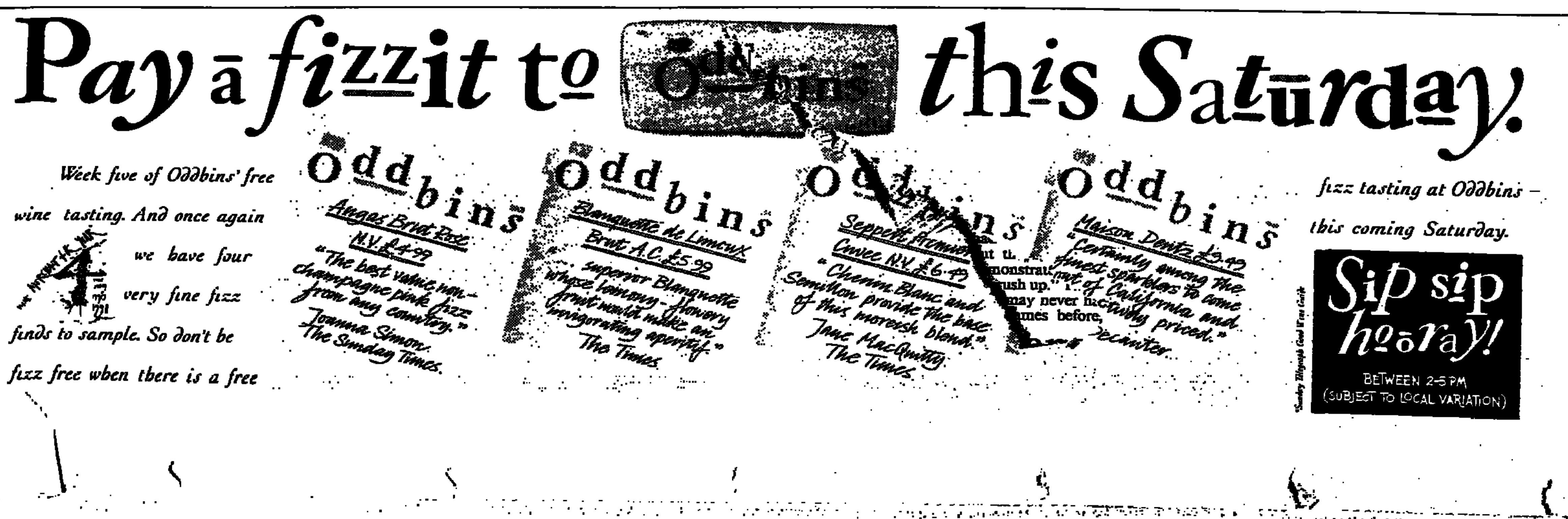
Manx homosexual in protest over sex law

By Robin Young

THE only man on the Isle of Man who publicly professes to be homosexual yesterday exercised the ancient right of Manx citizens to petition the island's assembly at its annual open air Tynwald Day sitting at St John's.

Alan Shea, convenor of the Ellan Vannin Gay Group, presented a five-page petition pointing out that Manx legislation forbids sexual acts between men, but makes no restriction on women. He argues that that is in breach of the European Convention on Human Rights, but that since the Isle of Man is the only territory that does not recognise the right of individual petition, there is no chance of redress.

The Manx parliament recently rejected an attempt to bring the law into line with that of the UK. Tim Barnett, of the Stonewall Group, which has been lobbying on the issue, said yesterday: "Alan Shea's dignified public protest to the ultimate democratic authority on the Isle of Man reiterates the message that the laws which they uphold are unjust and harmful, denying citizens a fundamental human right."



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Dutch court clears four of murdering Australian tourists

From Mark Fuller
in Den Bosch,
The Netherlands

Harte: still facing charge of belonging to the IRA

FOUR suspected members of the IRA were acquitted by a Dutch appeal court yesterday of the murder last year of two Australian tourists in Roermond. Three judges upheld an appeal by Gerard Harte against his conviction by a lower court because of discrepancies in witness accounts.

Mr Harte was jailed for 18 years in April for the murder of Nicholas Spanos, aged 28, and Stefan Melrose, aged 24, whom the IRA claimed it had "tragically mistaken" for British servicemen. Unlike in England, the Dutch prosecutor has the right of appeal.

The appeal judges also upheld the lower court's acquittals of Donna Maguire, aged 25, Sean Hick, 30, and Paul Hughes, 27, because the case against them was not "legally or convincingly proven".

Miss Maguire and Mr Hughes, both from Newry, Co Down, Mr Harte, from Lurgan, and Mr Hick, from Dublin, had been charged with murder and/or complicity to murder. They had all denied the charges.

As they were led from court yesterday Mr Harte raised a clenched fist, Mr Hughes gave a thumbs-up sign and Miss Maguire waved to the gallery. Outside the court Patricia Maguire, Miss Maguire's mother, said: "Justice has been done for all of them."

The four, however, were immediately rearrested in connection with a second charge — that of belonging to an illegal organisation, the IRA. Extradition orders have also been granted to Germany for Miss Maguire, Mr Hick, and Mr Hughes in connection with a series of attacks against British servicemen and installations.

The membership charge was referred back to the lower court in Roermond at the beginning of the ten-day appeal. Roermond will deliver its verdict next Friday. If acquitted, Mr Harte will be allowed to walk free.

Public prosecutor Frits van Straelen said that he was disappointed with the verdicts, and it was sad that no one would now be convicted for the brutal killings by a terrorist organisation. "It is nobody's fault. The mass of evidence was simply not sufficient," he said.

The presiding judge Wim Smulders said that the court had heard much circumstantial evidence but it had contained no direct link between the suspects and the shootings of the two tourists in the town's market square on May 27 last year. He declared the complicity charges void because there was a lack of factual description.

The appeal court discredited the only sighting of one of the suspects near the scene of the crime. Judge Smulders said that Hendrika Heitzer-Pollard, the witness who allegedly saw Mr Harte in the passenger seat of the getaway car, was a respectable and truthful person. He said, however, that there was a conflict between the woman's description of Mr Harte as shabby and unshaven and another sighting of the suspect half an hour later. A garage attendant in Sittard, a town near Roermond, had described Harte as being clean shaven and wearing a trendy brown suit.

Mrs Heitzer-Pollard's sighting of Mr Harte had been made in difficult circumstances. She had been able to see the Mazda car, which was travelling at speed, for only a few seconds, and it was also dark.

A justice ministry source rejected criticisms that the Dutch judicial system was too lenient. He said: "We simply could not prove that any one of the suspects was in the market square. We just needed one more witness." The public prosecutor said it would be unlikely for the prosecution to appeal as its case had been rejected on factual grounds.

The acquittals came as a severe blow to Dutch police. The detailed dossiers had been compiled by police forces in The Netherlands, Belgium, Britain and Germany and it was the first major joint operation by European anti-terrorist squads.

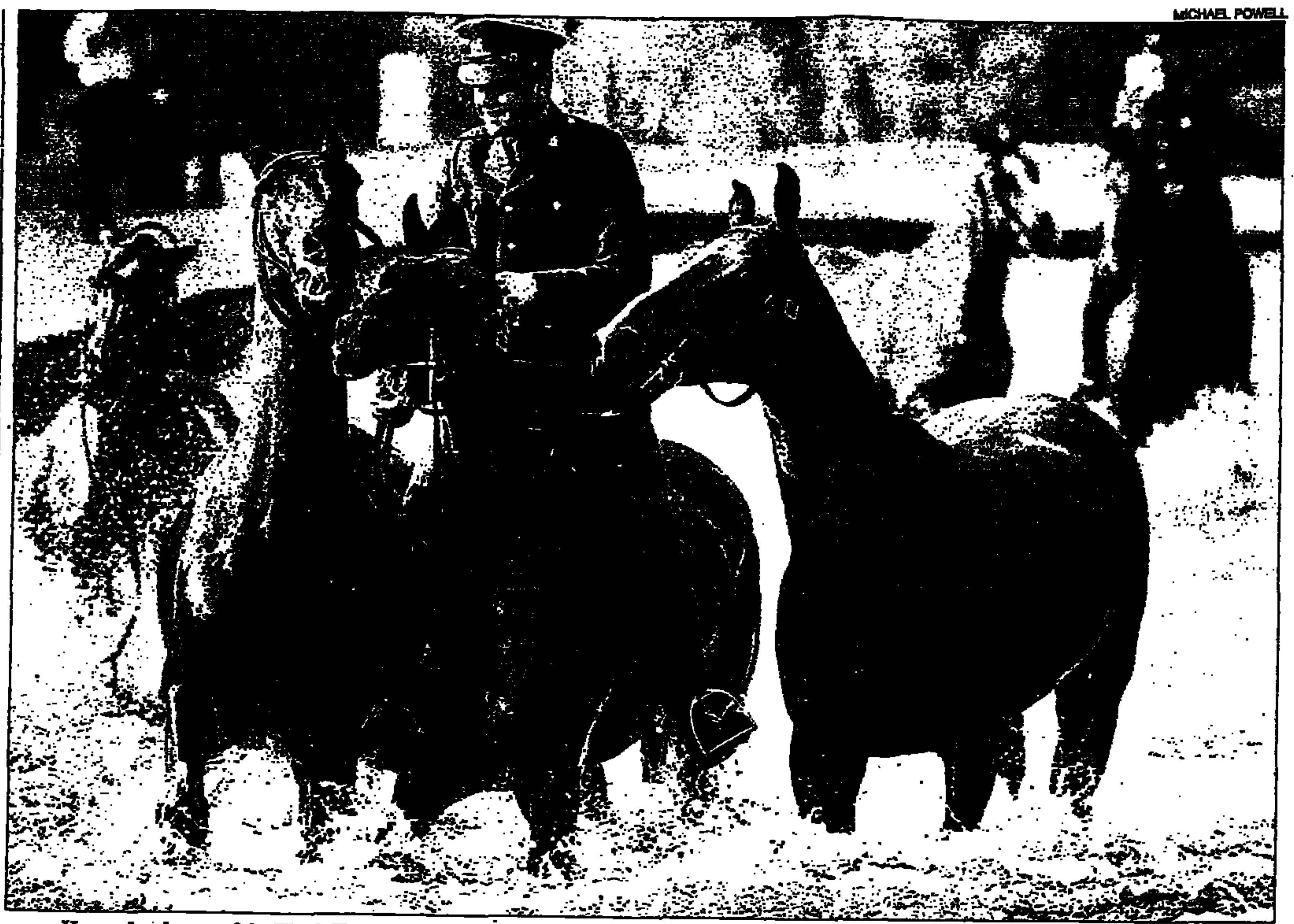
The suspects were arrested in June last year after Miss Maguire, Mr Harte and Mr Hick were spotted by a farmer and his son in a Belgian wood, just over the Dutch border. They were allegedly engaged in target practice and police found two arms caches nearby which included the rifle and pistol used in the Roermond attack.

Miss Maguire was arrested immediately and although Mr Harte and Mr Hick escaped back to The Netherlands, they were arrested later. The fourth suspect, Mr Hughes, was arrested after trying to rescue Mr Hick.

In two cars allegedly used by the suspects, police found traces of Semtex explosive and ammunition similar to that used in the Roermond attack. Dutch police also uncovered a safe house in The Hague which they alleged the four suspects used as a base to plan and carry out the killings. Fingerprints of all four were found in the house, and of Desmond Grew, a known IRA gunman, who was shot dead by the SAS last year. Police also found presses for making false identification papers and number plates.

A key was also found in the possession of Mr Hick which fitted a flat in Hanover allegedly used by the IRA as another safe house. Miss Maguire was in possession of drawings detailing border crossings between The Netherlands and Germany and the position of British military installations.

MICHAEL POWELL



Horse play: horses of the King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery, find a pond at Hampstead, north London, ideal for cooling off after a morning exercise session in the summer heat. The King's Troop is in training for the Royal Tournament. Forecast, page 24

Grim outlook for Ulster violence

By Edward Gorman
Irish Affairs
Correspondent

Annesley: "Terrorism risk highest for two years"

THE threat from paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland is at its highest level for two years and an increase in violence is likely, the chief constable of the Royal Ulster Constabulary said yesterday.

"We are facing probably the highest terrorist threat in the last two years," Hugh Annesley said at the launch of the force's annual report. "The situation could be made only worse by Loyalists abandoning their ceasefire after the collapse of the Brooke talks, he said. "If the Loyalists come back into the fray with more random killings, then it will be grim."

Mr Annesley, who has opted for a lower public profile than his predecessor Sir John Hermon, said that the strategy of the IRA and the Republican movement generally was a shambles. "They are not actually going anywhere. They've had an awful lot of own goals and their political mandate is reducing." He said that sooner or later the IRA and Sinn Fein would have to pull away from its campaign of violence and enter constitutional talks.

Sinn Fein said that Mr Annesley was in no position to lecture Republicans on their strategy. A spokesman said that the chief constable led a force criticised by Amnesty International over allegations of collusion with Loyalist paramilitaries, the mistreatment of prisoners and allegations that the police operated a shoot-to-kill policy.

Mr Annesley's report for last year records that 65 people were killed by Republican and Loyalist groups, eight more in total than in 1989. Of that number, 46 were killed by Republicans.

While the number of offences was slightly up on the previous year, the increase was lower than the national trend. Significantly, public order continued to improve, which was reflected in a fall to 257 in the number of plastic bullets fired compared to 937 in 1989 and 3,109 in 1988.

During the year 12 police officers were killed. The force lost 191,707 days through sickness and 44,945 through injury while while on duty. "Health problems continue to fall," the report says.

Last year, 2,480 cases of complaint against police officers and traffic wardens were received. Of 1,651 complaints fully investigated, 61 were found to be substantiated.

Conor Cruise O'Brien, page 12

THE SUNDAY TIMES

A shameful way to treat Thatcher

❝The Madrid ambush was a shameful episode. Margaret Thatcher was furious and with considerable justification. Lawson and Howe had come to the decision that they wanted to join the EMS against her contrary

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Serialisation of Nicholas Ridley's memoirs, My Style of Government — The Thatcher Years, starts tomorrow, in The Sunday Times

Barlow Clowes chief shredded files, jury told

By Angela Mackay

DEFENDANTS in the Barlow Clowes trial allegedly shredded a large number of documents and replaced them with bogus files to deceive trade and industry inspectors, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesteday.

Alan Suckling QC, for the Serious Fraud Office, said one of the defendants, Peter Clowes, chief of the collapsed financial services group, had ordered files "doctored" at the end of 1987, and had stolen clients' funds from an offshore subsidiary to replace the spent funds belonging to onshore investors.

Mr Clowes "closely supervised" the shredding of documents carried out on "an unprecedented scale". Mr Suckling alleged that Barlow Clowes staff were told not to discuss the shredding, the visit of DTI inspectors who were looking into the British arm of the group, nor that the shredded documents were being stored across the road.

Mr Suckling said the defendant knew that the inspectors were likely to find there were not enough gilt stocks to repay the clients. Clients were told that their money was being invested in British gilt-edged securities. "Mr Clowes could not afford any extension of the secretary of state's scrutiny into the offshore funds for obvious reasons," Mr Suckling said.

Mr Clowes, helped by Christopher Newman, another of those charged, stole £16 million from the overseas clients' accounts and arranged for gilts to be bought to plug the gap, Mr Suckling alleged.

He said that after the investigation, Mr Clowes decided one yacht was not enough for him, and in May 1988 he spent a million dollars to buy the Yara, a Kuwaiti-registered sister ship to the Boukephalas, bought the year before for $2.5 million.

Mr Suckling said that at a later stage it appeared the vigilance and tenacity of the auditors, Spicers, had fallen below what one might have expected of them. There was never an audit of the clients' accounts in offshore companies, despite the millions of pounds invested. "It may be that Spicers can be criticised for this," Mr Suckling said.

Peter Clowes, aged 50, and three executives in the Barlow Clowes group deny various charges of conspiracy, theft of clients' money, and making false statements to induce clients to enter investment schemes. The other three defendants are Peter Naylor, 35, of Send, Surrey, Guy von Cramer, 29, of Micklethwaite, West Yorkshire, and Mr Newman, 37, of Polstead, Suffolk.

The trial continues.

Police fear for kidnap girl, aged 2

POLICE said last night that they feared for the safety of a girl aged two snatched yesterday by her father and a bogus policewoman who forced their way into her home in north London and tied her mother to a bed with live electrical cable.

Scotland Yard said that Vida Fenton was a ward of court and that her father, Bernard Downes, aged 28, a social worker with the London borough of Waltham Forest, did not have right of access. Police said that Downes was believed to be mentally disturbed and should not be approached.

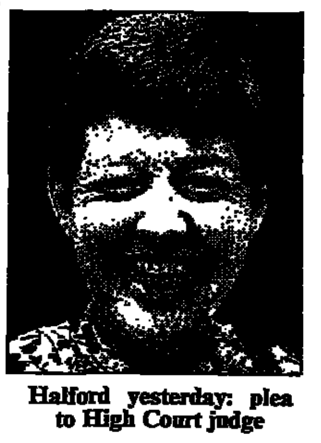
Police believe that Downes, who has an anglo-Asian appearance, was probably still in Britain and might be travelling with the child and the woman, posing as a family.

The High Court yesterday lifted a publicity ban to help in the hunt for the child.

Action on Halford flawed, QC says

A DECISION to launch police disciplinary proceedings against Alison Halford, Britain's most senior woman officer, was legally flawed, a High Court judge was told yesterday.

Stephen Sedley, QC, for Miss Halford, an assistant chief constable with Merseyside police, said: "There has been a fundamental departure from lawful procedure." He asked Mr Justice Tudor Evans to let Miss Halford apply for judicial review and seek orders quashing the decision, which led to her suspension.



Halford yesterday: plea to High Court judge

The disciplinary moves followed allegations of misconduct at a local businessman's swimming pool while Miss Halford was the force's senior officer on duty.

Mr Sedley said that a decision of Merseyside's Senior Officers Discipline Committee to refer the issue to the Police Complaints Authority was outside its powers.

Brian Leveson, QC, for Merseyside Police Authority, said that the committee had had a power properly given to it by the authority's chairman and vice-chairman "in circumstances of urgency".

The judge is due to give his decision within a few weeks.

Naturists' plea for an official beach receives a royal rebuff

By Alan Hamilton

NATURISTS seeking to establish an officially designated beach in north Cornwall on which they can cast their clouts without frightening the horses have had a frosty response from agents acting for the Prince of Wales, who owns much of the county.

Local officials of the Central Council for British Naturism, the representative body of the unclothed, have asked the Duchy of Cornwall, which owns 26,000 acres of the county and large stretches of the coastline, for support in creating a beach exclusively for those to whom even a fig leaf is an encumbrance in the sun. The Duchy has replied that it would not be thought appropriate if it were to designate beaches as naturist.

"Point taken," observes the current issue of *British Naturism*, the movement's magazine. "The media would have a field day if they did."

Although no specific site was under consideration, the Duchy's stance will almost certainly rule out much of the north Devon and Cornwall coast. An officially designated naturist beach needs the agreement of the landowner and the local authority; at present there are only eight official beaches in the country, although another 300 are used unofficially by naturists.

A spokesman for the south-west region of the CCBN said: "There is a big demand, but convincing landowners of our good intentions is a problem. People down here have the wrong idea; they think we have mass orgies, whereas all we do is sit around and talk like normal people. If you look at a naked body for more than five minutes, it becomes boring."

Cornwall has only one official naturist beach, at Polgaver Bay, on the south coast, but local enthusiasts fear that they may soon lose its facilities because it has a new owner.

The CCBN admits that it is difficult to acquire new beaches for naturism due to the public's sceptical view of the movement. *British Naturism* says: "The tabloid press is only too willing to associate naturism with any deviant perversion. It is always eager to do an exposé, while at the same time carrying advertisements for pornographic videos."

As for the Prince of Wales himself, he is understood to be a confirmed textile — the name given by the birthday-suited to those preferring to retain a shred of modesty, even in heat like yesterday's.

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Dioxin trace puts blight on farmer's dairy herd

By MICHAEL HORNSBY, AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

GORDON Rockley, a 63-year-old Derbyshire dairy farmer, started having sleepless nights on Tuesday, June 25. The date is fixed in his mind because that was the day he received a telephone call from the agriculture ministry warning him that there was something seriously wrong with his milk.

"They would not say what the problem was and asked if they could visit the farm the next day," Mr Rockley said yesterday. "Some ministry people, health officials, a man from the Milk Marketing Board, a doctor and a scientist from the government's food science laboratory at Norwich turned up the next morning."

The grim news that the officials brought was that unacceptably high levels of dioxin, one of the world's deadliest poisons, had been found in milk from the 40 Friesian cows that Mr Rockley keeps on the 200-acre Woodside Farm at Shuttlewood, near Bolsover, where he and his wife, Gladys, have been tenants for 27 years. His contract to sell milk to the marketing board, which has monopoly purchasing powers, was cancelled the next day.

The ministry has told Mr Rockley that there is a "strong possibility" that he will never be able to sell milk again. To make matters worse, he will have to wait three months, while further tests are carried out on soil, grass and blood samples, before he will know whether the few beef cattle he raises, and the barley, wheat and oats he grows, have been similarly blighted.

Woodside Farm is one of only two in the country to have shown dioxin-in-milk levels above the guideline of less than one part per trillion set by the ministry and the health department. The other is nearby Lodge Farm. Both are close to a plant of the Coalite chemical company, part of which exploded in 1968, suggesting a possible common source of contamination. The ministry has declined to apportion blame.

The toxins, widely found in the environment, are by-products of some chemical and combustion processes, including waste incineration and coal burning. Herbicide is another possible source, but Mr Rockley is not an intensive farmer. It is only in the past year or so that advances in analytical techniques have permitted detection of minute traces of dioxin.

Concern about dioxins, high levels of which can cause long-term illness and deformities goes back to the Seventies when large amounts were released in a chemical accident at Seveso, Italy. Tests in Britain have shown higher levels in milk from farms near industrial centres and municipal incinerators than in milk from other areas.

Ministry officials say that milk from the two Derbyshire farms would have been diluted with other supplies before sale and would pose no threat to the public.

Now, everyone is hoping that the high dioxin levels found in the Bolsover area will prove to be a one-off phenomenon. That, however, would be little consolation to Gordon and Gladys Rockley, whose farm is, as Mr Rockley puts it, "in limbo".

JULIAN HERBERT

Out for the catch: Ernie James who, at 85, is carrying on a 200-year family line of eel basket makers on the Norfolk fens. Mr James, who uses local willow for the baskets, is the only remaining trap-maker along the rivers of Welney, near Ely

Call for after hours school clubs for latchkey children

By JOHN O'LEARY, HIGHER EDUCATION CORRESPONDENT

ONE primary school child in six is a latchkey child, left alone at home after school and during the holidays, it was said yesterday at the launch of a campaign to promote after-school clubs.

Shortage of money is forcing many local authorities to reduce provision of child-care facilities. In London, a 26 per cent decline is expected in places available over the summer holidays. The boroughs of Camden, Greenwich and Lambeth, the largest providers, are cutting back most.

Lord Young of Dartington, the founder of the Consumers' Association, plans to establish a foundation for after-school activities offering start-up grants to schools and local authorities to encourage the formation of clubs. He said: "What we propose would not require huge funding, but it does need careful planning and commitment."

The immediate aim of the campaign is to secure pre-election pledges from political parties to make greater use of school premises. A survey for the campaign estimated that up to 70 per cent of school capacity is unused over a full year. "No other national resource is as underused as that," a booklet by Lord Young and Matthew Owen, of the Institute of Community Studies, said.

A Gallup poll for the 21 voluntary organisations and trade unions supporting the campaign found that 70 per cent of those surveyed believed that supervised activities should be available in schools until at least 6pm during the week. Almost two-thirds thought that they should also be available during holidays.

In 1989, the government asked local authorities and school governing bodies to consider what out-of-hours use could be made of schools. No money was offered, however, and there has been little extra provision.

The survey showed that only 3 per cent of schools were open until 6pm on five days a week. More than half were open only during normal school hours, and chief education officers predicted reduced services.

The leaders of the campaign estimate that only 10 per cent of a school's pupils need to join out-of-hours activities to sustain a club. Nominal fees could be sought from parents, with exemptions for those unable to pay. Teachers would not be expected to run the activities, although some might be offered second contracts for out-of-hours work.

Move to ban play on sex and religion fails

By LIN JENKINS

A STUDENT play allegedly featuring Christ in scenes of rape is to go ahead in spite of protests by religious leaders and a Labour MP. A planned open air showing, however, has been cancelled.

Protests about the play, *Confession of a Sexist Baboon*, came after publicity which suggested that it also featured Christ in scenes of castration and incest and referred to him cross-dressing. The play, by Gary Reich, a Sheffield university graduate, is to be performed on two nights next week as part of the city's cultural festival which is running alongside the World Student Games.

Jo Henderson, the festival organiser, as well as a local council solicitor and two representatives from South Yorkshire police were given a preview and deemed the performance within the bounds of the law. However, the festival has decided to abandon two planned open air performances in the city's Tudor Square and to put up notices warning ticket buyers that some people might find the play offensive.

David Blunkett, Labour MP for Sheffield Brightside, muslim community leaders in the city and the Catholic Women's League were among those who complained, although the play had not been shown before an audience.

Ray Gridley, director of administration for the games, said: "The play may cause offence to those with strong religious beliefs and they are entitled to be warned when purchasing tickets. Anybody who has bought a ticket and no longer wishes to see it can have their money refunded."

A city council spokesman said: "When you mention sex and religion in the same sentence you have a formula designed to upset some people. But by doing so more people now know about the play than would have done."

BBC local radio wins bigger audiences

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK
MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

PROPOSALS to scrap BBC local radio look less likely to be adopted after figures released yesterday showed that stations throughout the network are attracting more listeners.

The inclusion of more news and information at a time when local commercial stations are offering a steady diet of pop and easy listening music has helped 28 of the BBC's 37 local stations to increase their weekly audience in the past six months. Ten million people listen to BBC local stations, making them the most popular service after Radio 1.

The audience research follows recommendations by media consultants and two Conservative lobby groups that the BBC close its local radio services to cut costs in the lead-up to the renewal in 1996 of the BBC royal charter. However John Birt, who takes over from Michael Checkland as BBC director-general in 1993, is understood to favour retaining local radio, which he sees as a necessary part of the corporation's news and current affairs directorate.

Ron Neil, managing director of BBC regional broadcasting, said yesterday that the new audience figures "prove that our speech and journalism-led policy is popular and valued by the audience". The audience figures were released as Independent Radio News announced a three-year agreement with ITN aimed at improving IRN's service to local commercial stations.

The audience research, based on a survey by the BBC's broadcasting research department covering more than 70,000 people, shows that a quarter of people in BBC local radio areas listen to regional services each week. Radio Guernsey and Radio Jersey achieved the highest weekly audience, with more than 60 per cent of potential listeners tuning in. Radio Shropshire and Radio Cornwall were the most popular mainland stations, both reaching nearly half the adult population of their areas each week.

The BBC's metropolitan stations in Birmingham and London increased their audiences, while the Manchester audience stayed constant.

Pilger TV libel case settled

By ROBIN YOUNG

TWO men who claimed that a television documentary accused them of being SAS members who trained Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge to lay mines, accepted "very substantial" libel damages in the High Court yesterday.

Christopher Geidt and Anthony De Normann settled their action against the journalist John Pilger and Central Television on the third day of its hearing. Their counsel, Geoffrey Shaw, QC, said the terms provided substantial damages with all costs.

Desmond Browne, QC, for Mr Pilger and Central Television, said his clients had not intended to allege the two men trained the Khmer Rouge to lay mines, but they accepted that was how the programme had been understood.

A second libel action, brought by the two men against Ann Clwyd, shadow minister for overseas development, was also settled. They accepted a public apology from Ms Clwyd who had written to the prime minister last October after the programme calling for a public enquiry. Ms Clwyd referred to meeting two men in Cambodia whom she understood to be former SAS members, and released her letter to the press.

Her counsel, James Price, said she had also agreed to meet all their legal costs in the action taken against her.

Chemist is jailed for deception

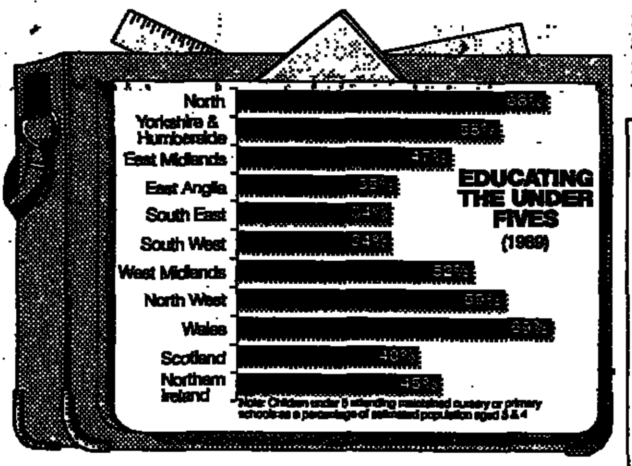
A JUDGE criticised the Pharmaceutical Society yesterday when he jailed a chemistry student who for three years worked as a pharmacist in hospitals and high street stores without anyone realising he was not qualified.

Judge Appleby said the case was a scandal that could have put the health of thousands of people at risk. Jailing Kuldip Singh Flora for 18 months, he said: "It is scandalous that you were allowed to do this by the society, which made no checks on your qualifications.

"I find it incredible that the society insisted on proof of birth and marriage documents, but did not mention anything about proof of his qualifications."

Flora, aged 34, married with five children, from Coalville, Leicestershire, filled in a false application form to register with the society, even though he failed his pharmacy examination at university. No one at the society checked his qualifications and he was registered as a fully-trained pharmacist within seven days, Grimsby crown court was told.

Over the next three years, Flora, who admitted obtaining pecuniary advantage by deception, worked in 89 dispensaries, including high street chemists and hospitals. He was found out when he applied for a job at a chemist's shop in Cleethorpes, Humberside, and the owner checked his qualifications.



Wales provides most free nursery places

CHILDREN under five are twice as likely to get a free nursery place in Wales or the north of England than in the South-East or South-West, according to the latest edition of *Regional Trends* (John O'Leary writes).

Places in nurseries run or registered by local authorities are scarcest in Kent, where less than one child in ten was catered for in 1989. At the other extreme, nearly nine out of ten children in West Glamorgan had nursery places at the age of three and four.

In Wales, the average provision of nursery places was 69 per cent of three and four year olds, compared with 45 per cent in England and Northern Ireland and 40 per cent in Scotland.

Within England, only the North had places for more than two thirds of the age group. The South-East and South-West provided places for barely one third, while East Anglia was only slightly better.

The distribution of nursery places has become a sensitive political issue with both Labour and the Liberal Democrats promising universal provision.

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Cook's £18,500 ticket to ride

By CRAIG SETON

THOMAS Cook might turn in his grave if he knew that the travel company he founded 150 years ago with a one shilling railway excursion through the Leicestershire countryside was now charging £18,500 for an around-the-world tour.

The company celebrated its anniversary yesterday with a re-enactment of that first excursion organised by the company's founding father when he was secretary of the Leicester Temperance Society.

On July 5, 1841, Mr Cook, aged 33 and a local printer, chartered a train and took 570 people, including his employees, the ten miles from Leicester to Loughborough for a temperance rally. The one shilling included the return fare, a tea of ham sandwiches and buns, a brass band, a cricket match and dances. Yesterday, Thomas Cook staff dressed in Victorian costume re-enacted the journey, this time travelling in open carriages behind a working replica of Stephenson's Rocket.

Middleton: praise for Cook the travel pioneer

Just as people lined the route 150 years ago to cheer Cook's temperance followers, rail enthusiasts and local people gathered on road bridges over the line to glimpse the replica engine. Among the guests was Tom Cook, a farmer and the founding father's great, great grandson.

After his first "package tour" Thomas Cook, a keen churchman and philanthropist, developed his travel business by organising other excursions to Leicestershire beauty spots and then nationally. He believed that travel could improve the condition of the working man, whom he was anxious to keep from the temptations of demon drink.

The company provided transport for an expedition to try to relieve General Gordon at Khartoum in 1884. Three years later, in 1887, the company took dignitaries from England to India to celebrate Queen Victoria's golden jubilee. In 1927 it organised the first air charter from New York to Chicago for boxing supporters travelling to watch a match between Dempsey and Tunney. Three years later the company began its first package tours to the south of France.

The group, which was sold by the Cook family in 1929, now has 114 offices. Peter Middleton, its chief executive, said that Thomas Cook's contribution to the founding and development of the tourism industry was greater than any other.

In its 150th anniversary year, the company has chartered a modified private jet for a 34-day around-the-world tour visiting six continents and seven wonders of the modern world, including the Pyramids, the Taj Mahal and the Great Wall of China. A spokesman said £18,500 might seem the height of extravagance, but then it was no ordinary holiday.

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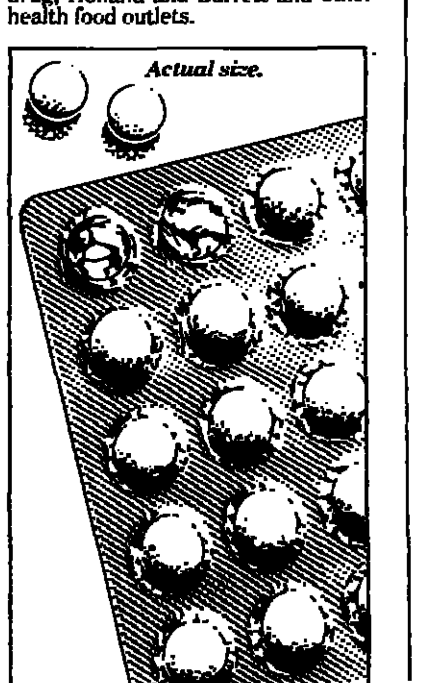

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Government resists pressure for extra council tax bands

By DOUGLAS BROOM, LOCAL GOVERNMENT CORRESPONDENT

THE government has ruled out significant changes to its new council tax and will publish regulations confirming its intention of grouping properties into seven value bands before the end of the month.

Ministers have resisted pressure from Conservative backbenchers for additional tax bands to cover high-value properties or to adopt a system of regional bands.

The disclosure that regulations were already in an advanced state of preparation brought an accusation from the Labour party that ministers had ignored responses to the consultation exercise on the tax, which closed on June 14.

The strongest calls for change have come from Tory MPs in the South-East where up to 41 per cent of properties would fall into the highest tax band covering homes worth more than £160,000.

The regulations will however include one concession: a strengthening of procedures for appealing against council tax valuations. The regulations are otherwise unchanged from the proposals published in April and will be laid before the Commons before its summer recess at the end of the month.

Ministers are anxious for the valuation process to start as soon as possible to ensure the smooth introduction of the new tax, due to replace the community charge in April 1993. The Audit Commission has said that a tight timetable must be set and adhered to if the tax is to be introduced on time, warning that every year of delay will cost taxpayers £800 million.

The environment department said yesterday that it had received hundreds of submissions from professional bodies and individuals.

David Blunkett, Labour's local government spokesman, said: "It appears that the consultation exercise has been a complete sham. Those Tory MPs who hoped to be able to make changes through the primary legislation should have heeded our warnings. They have been hoodwinked. These regulations will set the principles of the council tax in stone."

Labour, he said, would demand a Commons debate before the summer recess. "The government will not get away with this attempt to slip the council tax in unnoticed."

The regulations cannot be published until the Local Government Finance and Valuation Bill, which begins its Lords stage on Monday, has been given Royal Assent. The job of steering the bill through the Lords lies with Lady Blatch, the junior environment minister, who is certain to face a tough ride. The influence of government whips has been reduced by disagreement over life sentences for murder. Ministers, however, are confident that assent will be given within the next fortnight.

The new legislation gives the government powers to begin the valuation process, the first phase of which will cost £250 million, and allows ministers to issue regulations to lay down valuation bands.

Lady Blatch: facing tough opposition in the Lords

JULIAN HERBERT

Dressed for the occasion: Giorgio Armani preparing to receive an honorary doctorate from the Royal College of Art

Peers fear dogs bill could be used to outlaw foxhunting

By SHEILA GUNN, POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

SPORTING peers fear that the government's dangerous dogs bill could be used by saboteurs or a left-wing government to threaten or even outlaw foxhunting.

The peers, supported by the Masters of Foxhounds Association, British Field Sports Society, Country Landowners' Association and National Farmers' Union, will demand changes to narrow the scope of the legislation to prevent saboteurs taking advantage of the tougher controls on dogs to launch private prosecutions against hunts.

After a private meeting with Tory backbench peers, Kenneth Baker, the home secretary, accepted their case for some changes and tabled his own amendment yesterday to prevent frivolous prosecutions. When the hunting peers begin detailed work on the bill in the Lords on Wednesday they will urge him to go further in protecting hunts.

The young Tory peer Lord Mancroft, former joint-master of the Eton and Vale of the White Horse hunt, said: "We are concerned that the bill would leave hunters open to frivolous court actions. I hope the government realises how strong the feeling is on all sides of the House of Lords. A future left-wing administration may try and include foxhounds as dangerous dogs."

The bill, to outlaw American pit bull terriers and other fighting dogs, was drafted so quickly that the peers, and the Lords' clerks, believe that they have spotted other flaws, most notably clause two which allows a home secretary to extend the legislation to cover other breeds of dogs in the stringent controls requiring castration, registration and muzzling in public. Peers are rallying behind an amendment by Lord Radnor to remove the clause.

As the bill was pushed through the Commons in one day, the peers are planning a line-by-line scrutiny during the next three weeks before it receives royal assent.

● Two private member's bills completed their passage through Parliament yesterday. The Wildlife and Countryside (Amendment) Bill provides for land-owners to be prosecuted if they instruct gamekeepers to break the law while the badgers bill protects badger setts.

Royal College of Art honours Armani, Lynch and Quant

By LIZ SMITH, FASHION EDITOR

THE Royal College of Art showered its glittering prizes on international stars in the fashion, art and communications world yesterday. David Lynch, the film director, and the Italian fashion designer Giorgio Armani both received honorary doctorates. Mary Quant, creator of the Sixties miniskirt, who made fashion history without any formal design training, was elected a senior fellow.

The college's convocation ceremony, at which 307 graduating students from 25 countries received degrees, was held in the neighbouring Albert Hall. The architect Sir Norman Foster, responsible for Stansted airport and the new Sackler Galleries at the Royal Academy, the artist R B Kitaj and the industrial designer Dieter Rams, who invented such early status symbols as the Braun black matt electric shaver and the cylindrical coffee grinder, also received honorary doctorates.

David Lynch, a student at no fewer than three art schools in America before embarking on his film career, wore a red and burgundy velvet academic robe over his dark suit and matching dark shirt and doffed his gold-tasselled black hat in dashing style when he received his doctorate. His The citation, read by Professor Christopher Frayling, referred to his "continuing source of inspiration to countless young film-makers everywhere". Mr Armani, who studied medicine at Bologna university before turning to fashion design, is credited with taking the stuffiness out of men's tailoring with his unstructured jackets, offbeat colours and relaxed styling. Mr Armani has built a £300 million fashion empire on his design philosophy of "rumpled" chic. His fast-selling, lower-priced line is called Emporio Armani. He flew in for the ceremony from Milan, where he has just paraded the latest Armani menswear collection for 1992.

Mary Quant pioneered shopping as entertainment with the opening in 1955 of her Bazaar shop in the Kings Road in Chelsea, Professor Frayling said. "Just as Mary Quant means the Sixties, Armani sums up the Eighties and maybe beyond," he said.

New court action on 'MacLean' novels

A publisher accused of breaching the Trade Descriptions Act over two novels faces further summonses over the books, a court was told yesterday.

William Collins, of Glasgow, is accused of applying false descriptions to *Death Train* and *Night Watch* by implying they were by the top-selling author Alistair MacLean. A case brought by Warwickshire county council's trading standards department involving two allegations relating to *Death Train* was to be heard at Stratford-upon-Avon yesterday, but South Warwickshire magistrates adjourned it until September 23.

The court was told the company faced nine similar allegations involving alleged offences at other bookshops. The publisher said that the allegations would be denied. Reporting restrictions were not lifted.

Police chief

John Stevens, aged 48, deputy chief constable of Cambridgeshire, is to head Northumbria police when Sir Stanley Bailey retires in September. Mr Stevens led a 1989 enquiry into security forces in Ulster.

Pit bull shot

Police shot dead an American pit bull terrier during a search for drugs and firearms on a house in West Norwood, south-east London, yesterday. A man was arrested.

Factory closes

Wolsey Knitwear of Dumfries is to close with the loss of 183 jobs. The firm, part of Courtaulds Textiles, blamed the recession.

School's out

Council workers have painted school warning signs on the road outside Oxenhope infants' school at Keighley, West Yorkshire, eight years after it closed.

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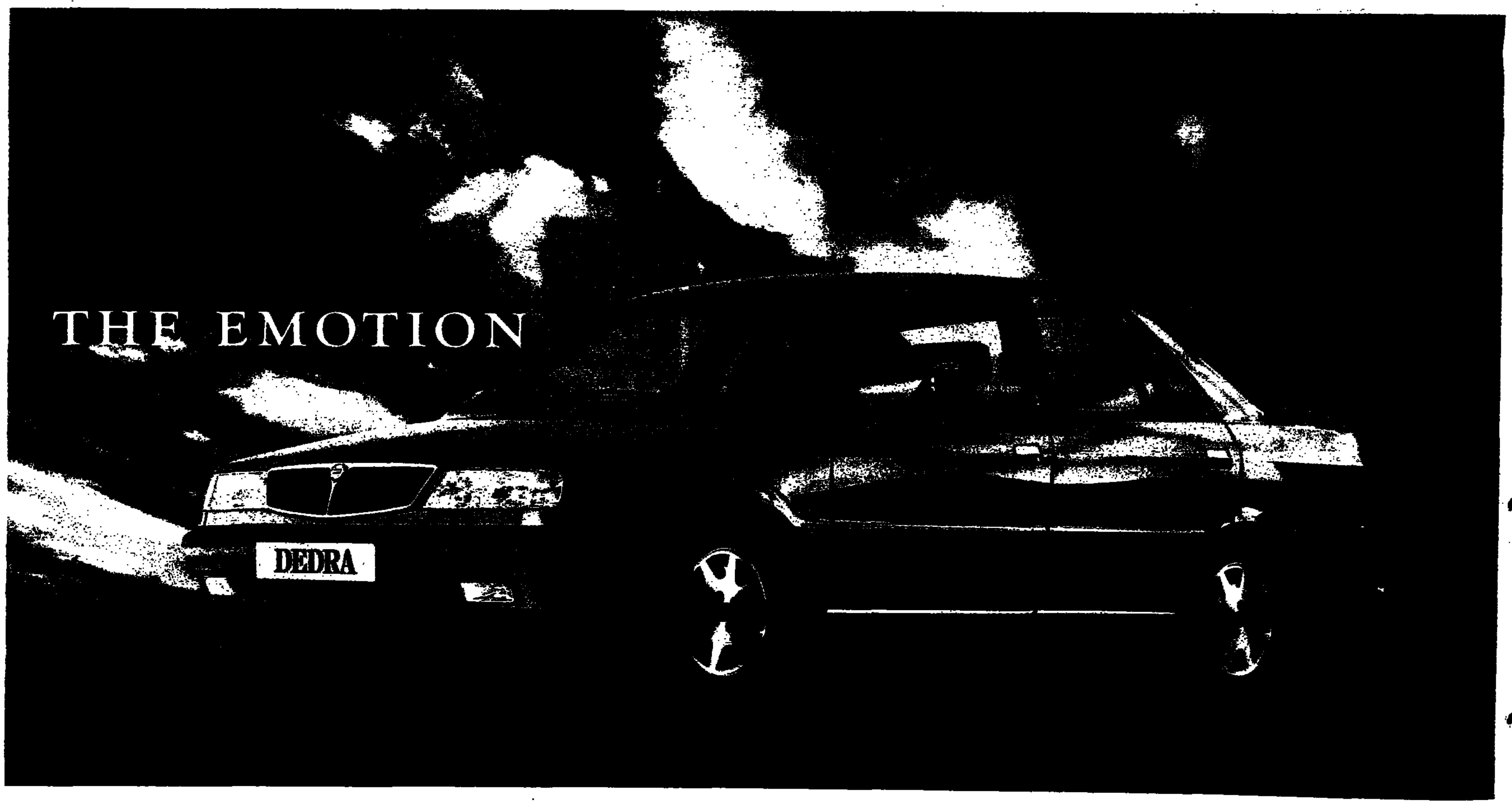

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New Zealand disgust as France honours Auckland bomber

From RICHARD LONG
IN WELLINGTON

NEW Zealanders reacted with outrage yesterday after France awarded Alain Mafart, the saboteur of the Greenpeace protest ship Rainbow Warrior, an honour – only two months after Michel Rocard, then the French prime minister, visited New Zealand and formally apologised for the 1985 bombing of the vessel.

Don McKinnon, the foreign affairs minister, said he was "appalled and disgusted" over the award to a man who had been convicted of manslaughter and jailed for his role in the sabotage. "He is a man who pleaded guilty in the New Zealand courts, was jailed in New Zealand, convicted of manslaughter in New Zealand, gets sold off by the last government and now gets an honour for what he did," he said.

David Lange, the former prime minister of New Zealand, who in 1985 described the bombing as an act of state-sponsored terrorism, said: "This confirms my view of France and of Mafart himself." Mike Moore, the opposition Labour party leader, said the honour to M Mafart was insulting and arrogant and showed France believed it had the right to bomb the ship, and would do so again.

French embassy statements that the honour, a knight of the order of merit for distinguished service, was a commonplace medal awarded to all officers of M Mafart's rank, did little to appease public feeling. The New Zealand government was astonished

Mafart: sentenced to ten years for manslaughter

and embarrassed as it had made much of M Rocard's recent visit, described as a gesture to lay to rest the ghost of the Rainbow Warrior.

After a long period of strained relations, M Rocard formally apologised for the Rainbow Warrior incident at a state luncheon in Wellington, telling hundreds of guests: "Errors have been made in the past. France has done wrong. I have said that before and I say it again today."

Three weeks after this visit, New Zealand toned down its form of protest on French nuclear testing in the South Pacific. It maintained that the decision to protest at the start and finish of each test series, rather than after each individual test, was a procedural change only, and unconnected with M Rocard's visit.

French secret service agents, in an elaborate operation, sank the Rainbow Warrior in Auckland harbour in July 1985 before it could lead a protest flotilla to the French nuclear testing grounds at Mururoa atoll. A crew member was killed.

While some of the agents escaped in a yacht and are believed to have been picked up at sea by a French submarine, M Mafart and his co-agent, Dominique Prieur, were captured while attempting to leave the country by plane. Convicted of manslaughter, they were sentenced to ten years' jail, but Wellington capitulated to trade threats and under a United Nations-brokered agreement the agents were released into French custody. While they were supposed to remain in exile on the French South Pacific atoll of Hao, they were repatriated to Paris in breach of the agreement.

Russell Marshall, the New Zealand foreign affairs minister at the time of the bombing, said he was sure the award would not have been made to M Mafart if M Rocard had not been replaced as prime minister by Edith Cresson. "He would know better than anyone how that would be received here."

Divine choice: a virgin girl with a monk at her side is put on display in Patan, near Kathmandu, to be ritually worshipped as a living goddess or "Kumari"

Rebels and army jockey for power in Salvador talks

From ALAN TOMLINSON IN SAN SALVADOR

A SIGN at the entrance to the Salvadorean village of San José de las Flores welcomed visitors to "territory under control of the National Army for Democracy: FMLN". The community claims to have been "liberated" by the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front.

Two weeks ago, as the Salvadorean government met guerrilla leaders in Mexico for their 18th round of United Nations-sponsored peace negotiations, troops marched into the village and tore down the sign. When local residents challenged them, the army tear-gassed the village and withdrew.

In the early years of the decade-long civil war, such an incident would have led to casualties. Today, as the two sides manoeuvre for advantage at the negotiating table, the confrontation serves to underline the two main obstacles to a ceasefire – the issues of rebel control over territory, and civilian control over an army with a notorious human rights record.

"There is absolutely no part of the country which is under the control of the FMLN," Ernesto Altschul, vice-minister to the civilian president, Alfredo Cristiani, insisted. The only issue was the size and location of UN security zones in which the rebels would gather when a ceasefire was signed, he said.

The liberation front demands recognition of its claim to military dominance over more than a quarter of the country, arguing that government forces have never been able to maintain a presence in rebel strongholds for long. A guerrilla leader at an encampment in Cabañas province said the government and the armed forces "refuse to accept the reality that the country is divided in two parts".

The front has renounced marxism, and says it is moving towards social democracy, but wants to ensure that it is safe to enter political life before coming down from the hills to join the democratic process. It seeks security guarantees to defend it from right-wing reprisals, and military reforms to prevent the army from returning to the days of the death squads.

Bogotá lifts state of siege

Bogotá – Colombia has lifted its seven-year state of siege, a day after the Medellín cocaine cartel announced that it was disbanding its military organisation. A decree signed by President Gaviria and his cabinet ended the regulations at midnight on Thursday, when Colombia's new constitution was to take effect.

Señor Gaviria declared: "We have left behind the state of siege, which was used to face up to violence . . . but was a source of discredit to our democracy."

The announcement came barely two weeks after the chief of the Medellín cartel, Señor Pablo Escobar, gave himself up to the authorities in exchange for a promise of leniency. The cartel, which is one of the world's largest drug-running operations, said on Wednesday that it was dissolving its military arm, apparently ending the drugs war which has killed hundreds of people since 1989.

The state of siege, imposed in April 1984, limited civil liberties and gave the president extraordinary powers to re-establish public order and ban strikes. *(Reuter)*

Bush confirms rise and rise of black right wing

America's black conservatives are enjoying political influence far beyond their small numbers, writes **Susan Ellicott** from Washington

Somebody dropped a dead possum into the letterbox at nine-year-old Gary Frank's home when his family moved to a white working-class town in Connecticut. Attached was a brief, bloodstained note: "Niggers, you'll be next."

That was in 1961. Last year, Mr Franks, the son of a millworker and a graduate of Yale, became the first black Republican member of the US Congress in 58 years. A majority-white constituency, from the same town in which racists, 30 years earlier, had burnt a cross on his lawn and shot a neighbour's dog, thinking it was his, elected him with a five-point lead over a four-term incumbent. Only then did his relatives decide to support a politician who dared to call himself a black conservative.

Perez: press secretary to Barbara Bush

"You're a what?" Mr Franks recalls his family saying before the contest. Like many Americans, black and white alike, who remember the turmoil of the civil rights movement before desegregation in the South, they believed: "If you're a black, you're a liberal or a Democrat".

Black Republicans count for only a small fraction of conservatives in the United States today, but the nomination by President Bush, this week, of Clarence Thomas to the US Supreme Court has turned attention towards a political group with clout beyond its size. Prominent black intellectuals also hope Judge Thomas will highlight a neglected tradition as leaders argue over the role of government in helping Americans find economic success and a political voice.

According to historians, the debate has simmered since the turn of the century when the educator, Booker T. Washington, and the black nationalist, Marcus Garvey, argued for self-help against calls for group action through government assistance. Mr Washington's followers, among them Judge Thomas, say a legacy of liberal social programmes has created a section of black society unable to advance. They look at drug-abuse, crime and poverty statistics and question whether government help can ever be a substitute for the "traditional values" of family, education and individual application.

President Bush, anxious to woo a traditionally Democrat-voting bloc, has courted blacks to his side, among them Louis Sullivan, the health minister, who speaks often about his parents' guidance, and Anna Perez, Barbara Bush's press secretary. Mr Bush's housing secretary, Jack Kemp, has forged links with a black conservative to privatise subsidised government homes. During the Gulf war, Colin Powell, the Jamaican-born chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, emerged as a symbol of achievement for minorities.

Conventional civil rights figures are doing their best to play down the influence of black conservatives, whose numbers swelled as civil rights helped to build a black middle class in cities such as Atlanta and Washington. But black America as a monolith is now a "hopelessly backward" notion, says Joseph Perkins, a writer for the *San Diego Union*. He says that class has emerged as a larger determining force than race.

● **Poll support:** Most American blacks support Judge Thomas's nomination to the Supreme Court, even though nearly an equal number say he does not represent the views of most blacks, according to a poll published in *USA Today* yesterday. It showed 54 per cent of respondents approved of his nomination, 17 per cent disapproved, and 29 per cent did not know. *(Reuter)*

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African National Congress

Ramaphosa brings youthful skills to elderly leadership

From GAVIN BELL IN DURBAN

THE elderly leadership of the African National Congress was revitalised yesterday by the election of a dynamic young trade union leader to its third most senior post.

The overwhelming vote in favour of Cyril Ramaphosa, aged 38, as secretary-general presaged the elevation of many of his contemporaries in the anti-apartheid movement to an enlarged 90-member executive committee. Nelson Mandela, the deputy president, was elected unopposed as president, in succession to the ailing Oliver Tambo, who was given the honorary title of national chairman.

The ANC national conference defeated a challenge by Harry Gwala, a hardline communist from Natal, for the post of deputy president, according it by a large margin to Walter Sisulu, the veteran "internal" leader. Mr Sisulu had been presented as a compromise candidate to prevent a struggle between militant and moderate factions for the position and was elected by 1,567 votes to 412.

Both Mr Mandela and Mr Sisulu received standing ovations from the 2,000 delegates, but the biggest cheers were for Mr Ramaphosa, who was carried shoulder-high from the rear of the auditorium to take his place on the platform. He received 1,156 votes, to 450 for the intelligence chief, Jacob Zuma, and 371 for the 66-year-old incumbent, Alfred Nzo.

Mr Ramaphosa, general secretary of the powerful National Union of (black) Mineworkers, is regarded as a skilled negotiator and a moderate figure who commands respect on both sides of the racial divide. A trained lawyer, he has never aspired to high political office, preferring to devote his energies to improving the working and social conditions of black miners.

Popo Molefe, aged 39, a leader of ANC surrogate organisations in the 1980s, was a front-runner in elections for the post of deputy secretary-general, which were taking place last night. Many of his colleagues in the United Democratic Front, which rallied the anti-apartheid movement when most ANC leaders were in exile or prison, were expected to be voted on to the new executive committee. The elections confirmed widespread dissatisfaction with the present leadership, many of whom were accused of being autocratic and ignoring grass-roots sentiments. The ANC is now poised to enter constitutional negotiations with Pretoria with renewed vigour, reflecting a judicious blend of youth and experience at the helm.

An anticipated clash between supporters of Thabo Mbeki, the director of foreign affairs, and Chris Hani, the chief of staff of the armed wing, was averted when both withdrew from the election for deputy president. Unity was thus preserved between the moderate and militant factions they represent, but delegates said that the ANC's continued alliance with the Communist party was a focus of sharp debate. Mr Mandela has made it clear he has no intention of ending the relationship, despite unease that it is losing the ANC support in the white, Coloured (mixed race) and Indian communities.

Man in the news

Tough negotiator who won respect

By GAVIN BELL

THE new face in the ANC leadership is smooth and hard. Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa is an articulate, soft-spoken character whose urbane manner masks skills as a tough negotiator that have gained the admiration of black workers and the respect of their employers.

As leader of the National Union of Mineworkers, Mr Ramaphosa has been largely instrumental in improving the conditions of black workers in an industry notorious for racial discrimination. In the process he has achieved a rare popularity across the spectrum of the anti-apartheid movement, which will be important in unifying its disparate elements.

Ramaphosa: an articulate champion of black miners

A native of Soweto, Mr Ramaphosa was detained for almost a year under the terrorism act in 1974 for organising a university protest. After an uprising in Soweto in 1976, he was detained again for six months. He completed his articles, but before being admitted as an attorney he turned his back on private practice to become a legal adviser to the black trade union movement.

His appointment as general secretary of the newly-formed miners' union in 1982 presaged a series of national strikes and tough negotiations that led to vastly improved conditions for his members under new contracts. While the ANC was still banned, Mr Ramaphosa played a prominent role in anti-apartheid politics at national and community levels, tackling issues such as rent boycotts in Soweto.

A self-effacing figure, Mr Ramaphosa said only a few weeks ago that he had no intention of seeking high office in the ANC. Having been persuaded to change his mind, he can be expected to use his considerable influence to improve relations between the ANC and the trade unions.

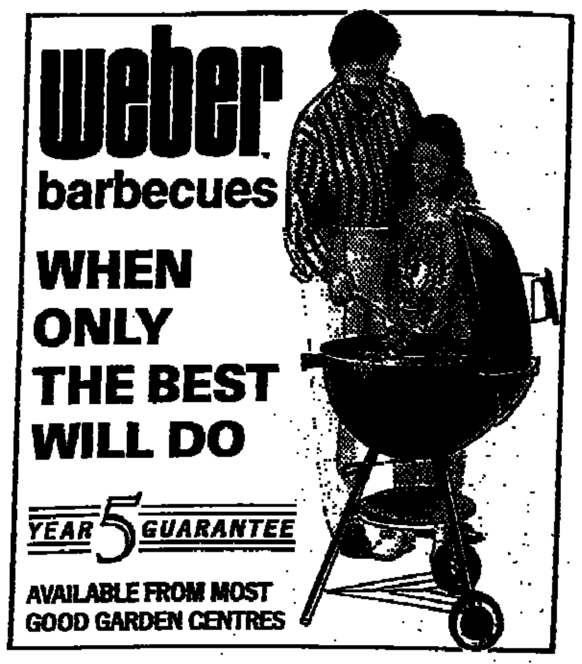
South Africa frees British woman jailed for murder

From RAY KENNEDY IN JOHANNESBURG

MAUREEN Smith, a London-born woman who hired a black gardener to kill her husband, has been freed from prison in South Africa after serving nine years of a 20-year sentence.

Her release follows an announcement by President de Klerk earlier this week of remission of sentences for thousands of first-offence prisoners. She is expected to return to Britain within the next few days to be reunited with her father, Harry Mullicks, aged 80, a former London insurance man. Mr Mullicks admitted after his daughter's trial in Johannesburg in 1982 that he had planned the murder because, he said, his son-in-law, Roger Smith, was trying to blackmail him.

Mrs Smith, now 47, Jack Ramogale, the family chauffeur, and the gardener, David Mnguni, were given death sentences, later commuted to prison terms of 20, 25 and 30 years. Ramogale and Mnguni have not so far been granted any remission of sentence.



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Stormin' through a phoney war of words

From CHARLES BREMNER IN NEW YORK

FROM the cafes of Amman to the back streets of Tunis, Iraq's sympathisers have been enjoying some bitter vindication. General Norman Schwarzkopf finally came out and admitted that America attacked Iraq purely as a service to Israel.

What is more, he ridiculed the performance of Arab troops in the coalition and said his aim had been to annihilate Iraq. The only trouble is that the general and everyone involved deny he ever said any such things.

The notorious "Schwarzkopf interview", now circulating in the Middle East and enshrined in official documents at the United Nations in New York, is in fact a text-book case of disinformation, the art of fabricating a plausible-sounding story then sowing it on fertile ground to discredit its subject, according to American officials. They assume an Iraqi intelligence service was responsible but some US-based Arabs are blaming the Israelis.

Disinformin' Norman: General Schwarzkopf's "interview" ridicules Arab Gulf war troops

The general's alleged remarks were distributed in May, in Arabic, by the information office of the Palestine Liberation Organisation in Tunis. The PLO presented them as a transcript of an interview by the US correspondent for Israeli army radio, saying it had monitored the Hebrew broadcast.

Stormin' Norman was alleged to have said America fought the war "for you, for Israel". Couched in an approximation of the general's bluff speech, it confirmed the worst suspicions of Iraq's friends. "The men endeavoured to destroy your enemy," he was quoted to have said to the Israelis. As well as disparaging the Saudis, Syrians and Kuwaitis, he was quoted as saying that he planned to devote himself to political activity which included a close friendship with, and constant support for, Israel.

The PLO's American office passed a copy to the National Association of Arab Americans, a body that until recently numbered John Sununu, the White House chief of staff, among its senior members. Its director then gave an English version to American journalists, who checked and found it was a fabrication, although a technically good one. "A disinformation story," said Commander John Jendro, a spokesman for the general. "A hoax. The interview never took place."

The Israeli correspondent also denied that she had conducted the interview. Khaled Saffouri, the information director of the Arab association, said he had been taken in by the interview. "I had no reason to believe it was a fake. It is cleverly done."

But by then it had assumed a life of its own and three weeks ago, Iraq's mission at the United Nations had it circulated to the security council by the office of the secretary-general. "It constitutes a confession setting forth the true purposes and objectives of the aggression," the mission said.

The state department denounced the move as Iraqi propaganda and instructed its embassies abroad to take steps to neutralise the tale. But in a field where paranoia and rumour often outweigh facts, the damage was done.

The Americans see the old handiwork of the KGB in the plot. The Iraqis, after all, were trained by the Soviet agency. Although American, British and many other intelligence services have done their share of disinformation, or black propaganda as it used to be known, the Kremlin has scored its most publicised hits. These go all the way back to the Zinoviev letter, fabricated by White Russians in Berlin in 1924 to discredit the Bolsheviks by calling on British Communists to rise.

The KGB has been succesful in planting journalistic stories that cited authoritative "facts" to prove that the Korean airlines flight 007, shot down by the Soviet Union in 1983, had been spying for the United States and also that the Americans had concocted the Aids virus to kill blacks. The last of these is still believed by many American blacks. PLO officials in New York now say if the Schwarzkopf interview was a fake, it must have been perpetrated by Israel or even America to blacken the PLO.

● Ankara: Turkey appears ready to accept proposals to base an allied rapid reaction force in the southeast of the country to protect Kurds in northern Iraq. *(Reuter)*

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Milosevic, the promise-breaker, leads Serbia into isolation

Milosevic: fanned the *fires of ethnic rivalry*

Once a skilful crowd pleaser, Slobodan Milosevic's miscalculations have propelled him on a downward slope, **Dessa Trevisan** reports from Belgrade

SERBIA has never been as alone or friendless as it is today under the rule of Slobodan Milosevic.

Back in March, 100,000 Serbs shouted on the streets of Belgrade "Down with Slobo-Saddam", accusing him of maintaining communism, stifling the press and leading Serbia to international isolation. These were the same people who two years before had carried his portrait aloft. Only three months before many of them had voted for him.

If Mr Milosevic, the party leader, could have claimed to have the whole nation behind him in 1989, the election last December marked his decline, even though he emerged victorious. *The slide in his fortunes* culminated in Tuesday's demonstrations in front of the Serbian parliament with tens of thousands calling for him to step down and for a caretaker "government of national salvation" to be established. *Mothers of Serbian* conscripts occupied parliament and told the prime minister: "We have not borne our sons to die for Milosevic."

Mr Milosevic's initial advantage had been the gift of communicating with crowds. Now his public *appearances are rare and he* speaks in short, repetitive platitudes. Instead of responding to worried mothers whose sons were trapped in Slovenia and demanded he should see them, Mr Milosevic stayed away.

In the beginning, he sensed the popular mood and went along with it; but no longer. His dogged insistence on communism and the command economy, while he has paid lip service to the market, and his whipping up of ethnic hostility, first against Albanians then against the Slovenes and Croats, have bred support for separatism as well as the antagonism of those nations which have discarded communism.

The more he insisted on retaining the rigid federal structure, which inevitably meant Serbian domination, the more pressure for independence built up among Croats and Slovenes, and even among Muslims and Macedonians. Fear of Serbia and a communist-led Yugoslavia hardened the determination of other republics. At the same time, Mr Milosevic's policies won him the support of the military hardliners.

He promised Serbs more prosperity. But it is said that living standards have been declining to the point where pensioners are not receiving their frugal sums regularly and even minimum wages cannot be paid. This has led *to strikes and increased the* danger of social upheaval.

He also promised the return of Kosovo to Serbian control, but now the situation is worse than ever and Serbia is internationally accused of severe human rights violations; 1,700,000 Albanians in Kosovo are subject to police repression and are solidly behind their opposition leaders. Instead of dialogue with the Albanians, Mr Milosevic has severed all lines of communication, refusing to face realities or plan for the future. Keeping massive police forces there to maintain peace is proving extremely costly, and Serbia cannot go on affording it.

His insistence that Yugoslavia should remain a federation, and his dictum *that all Serbs must live in* one state, suggesting an extension of Serbia's borders into Croatia and Bosnia, are largely responsible for the gradual escalation of Yugoslavia's political conflict.

But the cause of the present fighting was the move to block the election of Stipe Mesic to the presidency in May. Yugoslavia remained without a functioning presidency and, more seriously, without the collective commander-in-chief, so the army was able to slip from political control.

The army was acting on its own, relying on the General *Staff of the High Command,* an institution which made its first public appearance in March, when again Mr Milosevic provoked a presi*dential conflict* by withdrawing the Serbian representative, who was then the head of state, Borisav Jovic. His reputation as a reliable negotiating partner has been badly tarnished on several recent occasions when he broke his word to foreign diplomats or visitors.

The main thing Mr Milosevic shares with Yugoslavia's hardline generals is his attachment to communism, for most of the generals pressing for an end to separatism are convinced that all Yugoslavia's troubles stem from multiparty *democracy.*

EC freezes £600m aid amid rift on recognising rebels

From George Brock in the hague

EUROPEAN foreign ministers dispatched two more negotiating teams to Yugoslavia yesterday but failed to resolve increasingly obvious differences inside the European Community over the Balkan turmoil.

A compromise statement said that if the shaky ceasefire were broken once more, community governments would meet again to consider their next move. The German government interprets this formula to mean that the EC will recognise Slovenia and Croatia as independent if the Yugoslav army moves against the republics.

Other governments, led by France, still oppose any threat of recognition. Roland Dumas, the French foreign minister, talked darkly of the danger of Yugoslav republics falling under "foreign influence" — an implicit criticism of Austria's support for Slovene independence. He urged his colleagues "not to throw oil in the fire" raging in Yugoslavia.

The ministers also established a community arms embargo and called on other countries not to sell arms anywhere inside Yugoslavia. The emergency meeting also froze £600 million of aid promised to Yugoslavia, almost all of the largest aid package which the EC has ever given to an individual state. "We do realise that the old-style Tito Yugoslavia is finished," said Douglas Hogg, minister of state at the Foreign Office.

A team of officials that left for Yugoslavia yesterday and a trio of ministers who leave today will tell the Slovene authorities to withdraw from the border posts which they occupied after Slovenia and Croatia declared independence from the federal state. The first of the EC's diplomatic missions came home a week ago after persuading the republics to "suspend" their moves towards independence. But Slovene officials and troops are still manning the border posts between the republic and the southern border of Austria.

Hans van den Broek, the Dutch foreign minister, made clear yesterday that the community missions would ask the Slovenes to suspend the "implementation of the declarations of independence" and to return to the positions of June 25. On that date, the federal authorities controlled Yugoslavia's external borders and few, if any, practical steps had been taken by the republics to assert their autonomy.

The two EC teams intend to prepare the way for a group of 30 to 40 unarmed observers to monitor the ceasefire in the republics. Although the preparation for the monitoring group has been entrusted to the EC, the mixed group of military and civilian observers may be drawn from any of the 35 nations who belong to the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe, which decided to establish a monitoring group.

Hans-Dietrich Genscher, the German foreign minister, said afterwards that he would have preferred the community *explicitly to threaten the federal* government with recognition of the republics if the Yugoslav army misbehaved again. However, only the Danes supported his wish to do so. Gianni De Michelis, the Italian foreign minister, said afterwards that the meeting had given "great help" to the Yugoslav government.

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Slovenes decide to avoid showdown

BY Roger Boyes and Tim Judah

SLOVENIA backed off yesterday from the expected showdown with the Yugoslav army, freeing prisoners and announcing the demobilisation of thousands of its territorial troops.

Apparently eager to be seen to be defusing the tension, Slovenia agreed to talk to the federal government, along with the European Community, about control of its frontiers, but it was still defying presidential demands to give up border posts and withdraw all its units.

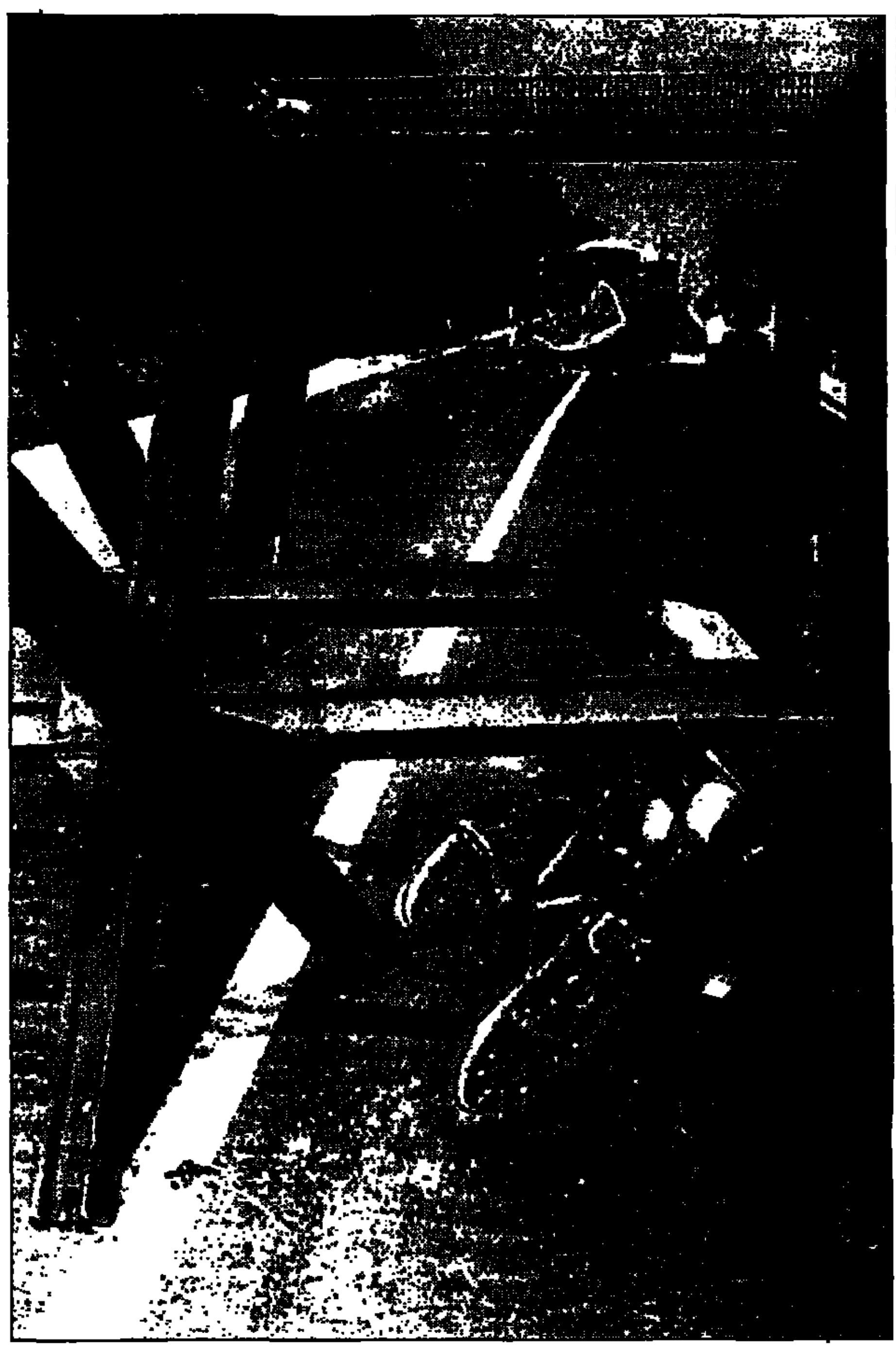
Croatia, the other secessionist republic, said it would fight if Yugoslav army tanks crossed into its territory on their way to crush Slovenia's independence bid. In Ljubljana, Slovenia's leadership has given some ground to the presidency, but it seems the Slovenes republic will have to yield much more to satisfy the army.

Dusan Plut, a member of the Slovene presidency who has been negotiating with the fifth army command, said that barricades had been removed from outside army barracks, allowing the besieged soldiers to receive food and other supplies. Many of the 2,316 prisoners of war were also handed over to the Red Cross and waited for trains to take them home.

Through the gates of Ljubljana fairground some of the prisoners, who have been given civilian clothes by the Red Cross, could be seen trying on second-hand shoes out of a cardboard box. They have been given the choice of being taken home by the Red Cross, staying in Slovenia or being collected by their parents.

Despite these concessions, the Slovenes were sticking firm on the main points of their row with the Yugoslav presidency. The Slovene flag still fluttered and Slovene soldiers continued to man the republic's 27 international border crossing points with Austria, Hungary and Italy yesterday.

Dr Plut said yesterday that the issue of the frontiers could only be settled in tripartite talks, with the involvement of the European Community.



Road sense: a Slovene child slides his bicycle under the anti-tank barriers which block the main highway between the cities of Zagreb and Ljubljana

Mesic sees way out of turmoil

Bonn — Yugoslavia can find a peaceful solution to its troubles and does not need to use the army to retake control of its northern border, President Mesic said in an interview released yesterday.

But the chairman of the Croatian parliament, Zarko Domljan, said in a Dutch newspaper that his republic expected, and was prepared for, confrontation with the federal army. Mr Mesic, himself a Croat, told *Bild* that Ljubljana and Belgrade could compromise by letting local Slovene forces man frontier posts but pay the duties *collected to Belgrade.*

"Slovenia and Croatia do not have to break away," Mr Mesic added. "It is necessary to restructure Yugoslavia, then there will be no more reason for war." *(Reuter)*

Captive conscripts wait to go home

From Tim Judah in ljubljana

SLOVENE authorities were preparing yesterday to release Yugoslav army prisoners of war captured during the recent fighting. According to the Slovene Red Cross, 2,316 soldiers were being held.

At Ljubljana jail, about 100 anxious teenage conscripts were waiting for buses to take them to the station and up to 300 more were being held in a building which is part of Ljubljana fairground. Most of the young conscripts held in the jail, who came from several Yugoslav nationalities, were too frightened to answer questions, but they *had clearly been well treated.*

Space had been made for them in the prison by clearing out drunks and petty criminals. The PoWs wore civilian clothes, including T-shirts and training shoes provided by the Red Cross. Officials indicated that the soldiers, although they had not deserted, had given themselves up when challenged.

One Croat who surrendered when his tank was surrounded said that when he got home he intended to join his republic's national guard: "I don't want to fight Slovenes or Serbian generals, but I do want to fight for Croatia."

In a cell by himself a Slovene non-commissioned officer called Vlado, aged 48, who had been serving in the Yugoslav army and had given himself up without resistance, *said:* "I was *very* scared because my son is serving in the Slovene territorial defence forces." Of his future, he said: "If things go OK I'll stay here, but if not I'll have to go abroad, maybe to Canada."

Nuclear power plant makes tempting target

From Roger Boyes in krsko

SLOVENES are bracing this weekend for a renewed air attack, but none more so than the locals of Krsko who live next to Yugoslavia's only nuclear power plant.

The power station, which squats alone in a green field off the road to Zagreb, has been switched off, but a heavy bombardment could still release a devastating cloud of radiation in central and southern Europe — a Balkan Chernobyl.

There were fears for the plant weeks before the war began. Serbian extremists — the nationalist Cetniks based in southern Croatia — have threatened to send commandos there to mine the plant. The point presumably would be to destroy a major source of electricity to Croatia, which is so robustly hated by the ethnic Serbs.

Nobody took this threat very seriously. However, when the Yugoslav army's jet fighters started to strafe Slovene forces near by, it was plain that the nuclear reactor was at risk.

The plant, praised by leading architects, has a big white *cupola which is built to resist a* big impact. Slovene officers say that several missiles could break the outer coat of the reinforced concrete container, whose maximum thickness is 32mm at the bottom and 20mm at the top.

The Engineering Research Institute in Ljubljana says that a penetration of the outer coat could severely damage the reactor and make contact with the nuclear fuel. That is why the plant has been switched off and an alert has been passed to the International Atomic Energy Authority.

Slovene environment officials have been reassuring Austria, which would probably be the first Western country to be affected if there were a nuclear explosion. But even these officials admit that there can be no fully fledged guarantee of safety if there was an air raid near by. More dramatically, Slovene Greens estimate that 100,000 people would be endangered if the plant were hit.

Dr Dusan Plut, leader of the Slovene Greens and a member of the Slovene presidency, says that the water basin where used nuclear fuel is stored is very vulnerable to air attack. The sides of the basin are barely 4½ft thick, while the roof of the basin is prefabricated, made of steel and filled by tin. A direct hit *on this basin, even accidentally*, would trigger a tragedy.

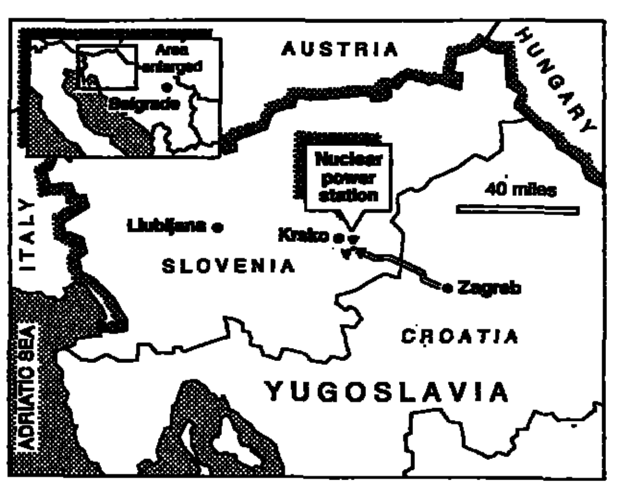
Slovenia does not control its airspace and has only a few anti-aircraft guns. If Yugoslav jets collided or misjudged their flight paths as they made for the neighbouring Slovene airfield of Cerklje, then the power plant could be hit with all the devastating effects of Chernobyl.

The plant, completed in 1981, is jointly owned by Slovenia and Croatia. Indeed they are still arguing about how to repay a $1 billion loan taken out to pay for the construction.

The Yugoslav air force might thus be attracted to the *idea of hitting the economy of* both breakaway republics at one stroke. Certainly Dr Plut maintains that the second phase of the Yugoslav army action provides for a direct military attack on Krsko plant.

The switching off of the plant, which has been carried out according to IAEA rules, is supposed partly to reduce its attractiveness as a target for the Yugoslav bombers. A passing irony is that the Greens of Slovenia have been campaigning for a year to have the plant — which has relatively up-to-date Westinghouse technology — closed down.

Because the power station was half the property of Croatia, there was never any hope of success. Now the Yugoslav air force has forced at least a temporary closedown.



Trapped by hatred's invisible frontiers

From Philip Jacobson in prekopa, croatia

THE stone-faced Croatian militiamen who check every car at the bridge over the Glina river know the foreign journalists they stop there are interested in the Serbian *enclave that begins a few* miles down the road. They greatly resent these visits, muttering about the Cetniks, Serbian "terrorists who want to murder every Croat and steal their land".

When armed Serbs wave the same cars down at their own barricades, they glare at the Zagreb newspapers on the back seat and demand to know why nobody tells the truth about the Ustashi, the "Croat oppressors steeped in the blood of their people". It is advisable to listen to their warnings not to try returning to "enemy" territory by the same route. As the temper of ethnic violence mounts ominously, it goes without saying that neither Croat nor Serb will easily risk crossing these invisible front lines of an*cient hatred and present* fear.

In the areas of Slavonia, where the two communities rub against each other in tense little villages separated by the length of a country lane, both sides have now retreated behind the flags, the symbols and the memories that are nourishing the ugliest of divides.

In this ethnic minefield, simply driving a car with the wrong number plates can be hazardous: for Croats, anything with Belgrade's DG tag is a provocation, for the Serbs the ZG of Zagreb means the foe, especially now that CRO stickers of independent Croatia are beginning to replace those of Yugoslavia. Visiting journalists now routinely swap vehicles according to *their destination. There is* lively competition for places in those bearing a foreign registration: the more prominent, the better.

Flags are another crucial emblem of identity, in all senses, for these two communities — run up on every pole, draped above front doors, dangling from telephone wires and the wing mirrors of buses. The red, white and blue stripes of federal Yugoslavia flutter everywhere in the Serbian enclave, never without the red star that people in other republics besides Croatia have taken to removing in protest against almost half a century of communist — and Serbian — domination.

For the Serbs of Slavonia, that star has the most potent associations, and never *more so than now. It was the* emblem of Tito's partisans during the second world war, when their parents were fighting and dying in a merciless struggle against the pro-nazi Croats. The sectarian border line begins whenever that flag disappears, to be replaced by the version Croats adopted a year ago, proudly incorporating their ancient coat of arms in place of the red star. It last flew over the forces of the Ustashi.

To a middle-aged businessman from Macedonia, with close links to both communities, the present obsession of Serb and Croat alike with their symbols of separation can be explained only by Yugoslavia's fractured and bloodstained history. "Do you know that *phrase, tribes with flags?* That is all we are here, which is why no Croat will ever believe that the army can stay neutral forever because it has so many Serbian officers."

It also helped explain, he suggested, why the Serbian minority was profoundly shocked by the Croatian parliament's decision to rename Zagreb's imposing Place of the Victory over Fascism and remove street signs commemorating partisan heroes. "That was an act of tremendous symbolism on both sides, for completely opposing reasons."

"What, no rain dear this Christmas?"

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Russia puts Gorbachev treaty hopes in jeopardy

From Mary Dejevsky in Moscow

THE hopes of President Gorbachev going to the Group of Seven summit in London with an agreed blueprint for the new Soviet Union in his briefcase ran into serious difficulties yesterday when the Russian Federation's parliament expressed grave misgivings about the latest draft of the new union treaty and demanded extensive changes.

The Russian parliament was considering the supposedly final draft of the treaty for the first time since it was passed to the republics for approval two weeks ago. A formal resolution listing the required amendments was submitted to parliament by the acting chairman, Ruslan Khasbulatov.

Approved in principle with only minor changes, the resolution could delay the passage of the treaty for weeks, if not months. The proposed amendments affect almost every issue of principle in relations between the centre and the republics.

One conservative member of parliament, Sergei Baburin, described the resolution as nothing less than "an invitation to the funeral of the Soviet Union". A radical deputy later alluded to Mr Baburin's comment, saying that "the funeral of the Soviet Union in its present form is exactly what is needed".

During yesterday's debate, Boris Yeltsin, the Russian president, intervened briefly to reveal the strength of the federation's hand, saying that most of the Russians' objections were shared by the other eight republics involved in the treaty negotiations.

The meeting was apparently called by Mr Gorbachev in an attempt to speed up final approval for the treaty. The reasons for Russia's objections were set out in a report from the parliament's legislative committee, which is chaired by Sergei Shakhrai, a Yeltsin ally.

The report was issued to deputies along with the draft resolution. Russia's chief objections concern the status of the former autonomous republics inside the federation, the proposed tax system, the jurisdiction of enterprises on Russian territory, foreign trade and customs arrangements.

A further and no less significant objection emerged during the discussion in the form of a demand for Russia to have a say in central military spending. The most intractable of the problems concerns the status of the former autonomous republics and regions within the federation.

These 16 mini-republics, all of which have declared themselves sovereign, would be admitted to the new union both within Russia and on the basis of equality with Russia, leaving jurisdiction between Russia and its sub-regions undefined. Mr Shakhrai's legislative committee reported that this would "lead to the de facto and de jure disintegration of the Russian Federation as a single state".

Mr Yeltsin and representatives of non-autonomous regions want the former "autonomies" to be regarded as an integral part of Russia, so that Russia has to be their intermediary with the centre. Underlying their demand is the suspicion that the centre wants the "autonomies" to be in a position where they could undermine decisions taken by the Russian president, parliament and government.

President Gorbachev also wants each republic to collect two taxes, one for the republic's needs, the other for the centre. Mr Yeltsin has said that he will not sanction such a system.

Water board: four Austrians from the Hartberg divers' club sitting on the floor of their local swimming pool for a game of "Take it easy" in an attempt to win a place in the *Guinness Book of Records*. They intend to play for 38 hours, beating the previous underwater best by 120 minutes

Kiev protest for Kremlin 'tsar'

From Robert Seely in Kiev

PRESIDENT Gorbachev ran into Ukrainian nationalist protests yesterday as he welcomed Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, for talks near the republic's capital, Kiev.

Several hundred demonstrators, most of them young, gave the Soviet leader a rowdy reception as the two leaders drove down Kiev's main street. When the two men stopped to meet the crowd, protesters booed and chanted "Ukraine without Moscow" and "Down with Gorbachev". About 600 demonstrators had turned out at the airport, waving Ukrainian flags; one banner read "Tsar Gorbachev is violating the sovereignty of the Ukraine."

Mr Gorbachev met Herr Kohl in a secluded dacha for a final session of talks before the Soviet leader's visit to London to address the leaders of the Group of Seven industrialised nations. Yesterday's discussions were expected to amount to little more than a "moral fund-raiser" for Mr Gorbachev in his bid to attract Western aid.

The meeting has been played down in the Soviet press, although there has been speculation, probably only wishful thinking, that Germany will be willing to act as a guarantor for credits for the Soviet economy. The two leaders could scarcely have found a more peaceful place for Herr Kohl to advise the Soviet leader against expecting substantial aid — a dacha in an ancient village ten miles from Kiev.

Mr Gorbachev's plans for a revived Soviet Union appear to be in tatters. He had hoped to fly to London with the union treaty signed by all the republics who supported his pact in April. His trip may instead become a damage-limitation exercise. He carries with him the support of a minority of republics.

Bundesrat to stay in Bonn

From Ian Murray in Bonn

GERMANY'S upper house, the Bundesrat, voted yesterday to stay in Bonn, for the time being at least, rather than to follow the government and Bundestag to Berlin.

The Bundesrat, an advisory body made up of 68 representatives from the *Länder* (state) governments, voted by 38 to 30 to review the situation later.

The proposal was backed by nine of the 16 states, among them Berlin, which is only too happy to see its former rival retain some of the less important federal bodies in order to reduce the amount of work that will have to be done to make the capital functional as a centre of government.

The need to remove asbestos from the Reichstag building and to rebuild it, as well as the necessary offices for a parliament, will take at least four years.

Germans bridge telephone gap

By Ian Murray

THE long wait for a telephone call to eastern Germany ended at midnight. That was when the first of 26,000 new fibre optic lines linking the united country came into operation, to the indescribable relief of businesses, families and journalists.

The fall of the Berlin Wall marked the end of east Germany's political isolation. The fibre optic breakthrough last night marked the end of the communications isolation, which has made integration into the Western world extra difficult.

The communist regime cut the country off from the outside world by installing only a tiny number of external lines. The fewer the lines out, the easier it was for the Stasi secret police to monitor them and the harder it was for dissidents to communicate. This snooping was compounded by the fact that 80 per cent of what telephones there were in the east were party lines, shared with at least one other subscriber.

The difficulty of getting a call was so great that the spokesman at the French embassy in the east often used to use a phone box on the western side of Checkpoint Charlie as an office because it was quicker than waiting for a line. The end of the Wall made line congestion between east and west even worse because every day tens of thousands of Germans tried to speak to friends and family who had not been able to talk to them for years.

People would get up in the small hours to make a call in the hope, usually vain, of getting a line. The most congested lines of all have been between the two halves of Berlin. Messengers go all day from the west Berlin city hall to the east Berlin city hall because it is quicker than trying to telephone.

SS man fit to go on trial

Bonn — Stuttgart court ruled yesterday that Josef Schwammberger, aged 79, was physically fit to stand trial for the murder of 50 Jews and involvement in killing more than 3,300 others while he was a member of the SS in charge of forced labour camps in Poland between 1941 and 1944 (Ian Murray writes).

The court rejected a defence plea that he was too frail to appear, but agreed hearings should last no longer than two hours throughout the case, which is expected to continue for at least four months.

Premier held

Islamabad — The Pakistan government has arrested Kashmir's rebellious prime minister, Mumtaz Hussain Rathore, after he annulled regional elections which he said were rigged to defeat his party. An official said Mr Mumtaz had been flown to Islamabad in an army helicopter. *(Reuter)*

Drugs haul

Paris — French police seized drugs with an estimated street value of £200,000 in a raid on the headquarters of Hell's Angels this week. Sixty-two pounds of cannabis and 1.6lb of cocaine, as well as a cache of money and about 20 firearms, were found in the motorcycle gang's private hang-out.

Jungle protest

Kuala Baram, Malaysia — Nine environmentalists from six nations, including Britain, were arrested after chaining themselves to loading cranes to protest against the logging of tropical forests. Activists boarded barges anchored in the Baram river to draw attention to the destruction of Sarawak's rain forests. *(AP)*

Outback pinta

Darwin — The government of Australia's parched Northern Territory is planning to build a brewery to slake the Outback thirsts. Prospective names for the brew include Crocodile lager, after *Crocodile Dundee*, the film that put the territory on the map, and Cyclone bitter. *(Reuter)*

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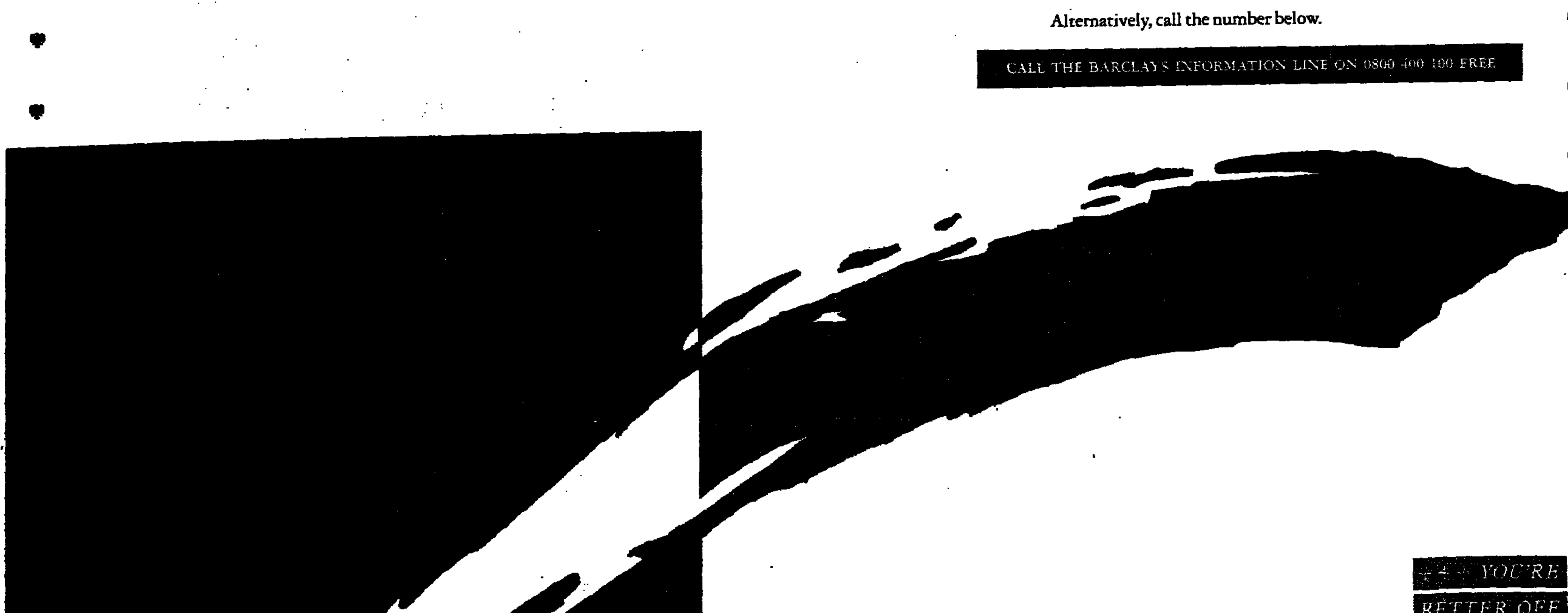

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YOU'RE BETTER OFF TALKING TO BARCLAYS

Clifford Longley

Catholics could show us the real meaning of an EC buzzword

John Major plunged deeper into the thicket of Euro-jargon after Luxembourg by warding off the evils of "federation" with the magic wand of "subsidiarity". Clearly he expected everybody to know what he meant. That would be surprising. Nevertheless, subsidiarity is now the smart missile to hurl at Brussels federalists, because it is programmed to find its precise target. It is weighty because it is papal.

Words which become central to political arguments have sooner or later to be pinned down and cut open. The literal origin of "subsidiarity" tells only of the Roman custom of stationing legions abroad; but the word found its way to its present usage through the Catholic church, in a section of theology called "social teaching". Subsidiarity is just one piece that has worked its way to the surface on its own: there is much more treasure below the surface.

A readable book on Catholic social teaching for the general market is urgently needed, and the Catholic Bishops' Conference would do well to take such a project in hand. Primarily it would be a job of translation, for all the source material is there. Here, for instance, is an extract from an official church document to be used in seminaries. It needs to be translated from Vaticanese into ordinary English vernacular terms:

"Subsidiarity... protects the human person, local communities and 'intermediate bodies' from the danger of losing their legitimate autonomy. The church is attentive to the application of this principle by reason of the very dignity of the person, respect for what is most human in the organisation of social life, and the safeguarding of the rights of peoples in relations between individual societies and universal society... An ordered society... is founded on the structures and organisations of society comprised not only of individual free persons, but also of intermediate societies which are integrated into higher units, beginning with the family and arriving, through local communities, professional associations, regions, and national states, at supernational bodies and the universal society..."

Crucial to subsidiarity — and encoded here — is a sense that societies have a natural shape, when they can maximise "what is most human" and are best equipped to protect "the rights of peoples". Distorting that shape is wrong, because it suppresses humanity and the rights of peoples. Societies have a "being", just as individuals do. Distort a human being, and it hurts. Likewise human societies, as the peoples of Eastern Europe know too well.

Implicit in all this is opposition to centralism. "In many nations the state is transformed into a huge administrative machine which invades all areas of life and drags man into a state of fear and anxiety causing his depersonalisation," says the document. And if the principle applies to states, it is quite legitimate to alter "state" to "superstate" or "federation", for use in Brussels.

In internal British political debate, such argument from principle is unusual, and the authority of the Catholic church counts for little (though its evident good sense may commend it). In arguments about the future shape of the European Community, however, most of those we are arguing with pay at least lip-service to these principles already, and will not demand that they be substantiated. If Britain is to be at the heart of Europe on terms it can live with, we will have to learn this language fast, and turn it to our own advantage. But some tuition would help — and what else is a church for, if not to teach its own teaching?

Britain has only two options in Northern Ireland: direct rule or withdrawal, argues **Conor Cruise O'Brien**

Is patience running out?

The most penetrating comment on the failure this week of Peter Brooke's Irish talks came from Lord Fitt. He pointed out that all Ulster parties have a greater interest in direct rule than in any possible alternative. Yet British governments, understandably, are not enchanted by the prospect of ruling Northern Ireland directly into an indefinite future. They have therefore striven mightily, over nearly 20 years, to stitch together some sort of cross-community devolved government.

At Sunningdale in 1974, they failed because the Unionist partners, without whom there can be no cross-community government, were repudiated by their Protestant constituency, precisely because they had accepted that agreement. All the "Sunningdale Unionists" were defeated at the subsequent general elections. Those who replaced them take their fate as a warning.

It is tempting to believe that what was not achieved by the fabulous patience of Mr Brooke can now be achieved by some kind of *diktat* from London. That raises the question of what he has really been trying to achieve. If, as has been generally assumed, Mr Brooke's objective was cross-community devolved government, with the Anglo-Irish Agreement still in place, it can no more be achieved by *diktat* than by patient diplomacy.

What would happen if London announced the establishment of a new executive for Northern Ireland, with the Anglo-Irish Agreement still in place? The Social Democratic and Labour Party and the Alliance would immediately announce their acceptance of seats on the new executive. Both sets of Unionists would, as promptly, refuse. At this point, an imposed solution would require the secretary of state to announce his rejection of an attempted "Unionist veto", and establish an executive anyway, with or without unionist participation.

Those who believe that cross-community devolved government can be imposed upon Northern Ireland must also believe that the Unionists would cave in following such an announcement. Faced with the

Orange march: intransigence has long blocked progress

dread prospect of being governed by the SDLP, the Unionists (we have to believe) would flock into the new executive, their tails between their legs.

This may be an attractive scenario, but it is not realistic. What would happen is that the Unionist leaders, supported by the Unionist population, would determine to break the new executive by the same means as the Sunningdale Agreement was broken. There would be strikes, including a power strike, boycotts, demonstrations and a fair amount of intimidation.

If Mr Brooke's real objective is British disengagement, then a course of patient diplomacy, ending in failure, followed by an attempt at an imposed solution, ending in uproar, would be an ideal route towards it. The basic reason why Northern Ireland remains in the United Kingdom is that a majority of the population of the province (the Unionists) want it to remain so. But if the Unionists are making the province ungovernable, then Britain can credibly declare that they are thereby making the union unworkable, and the way to withdraw, amid general approval, lies open.

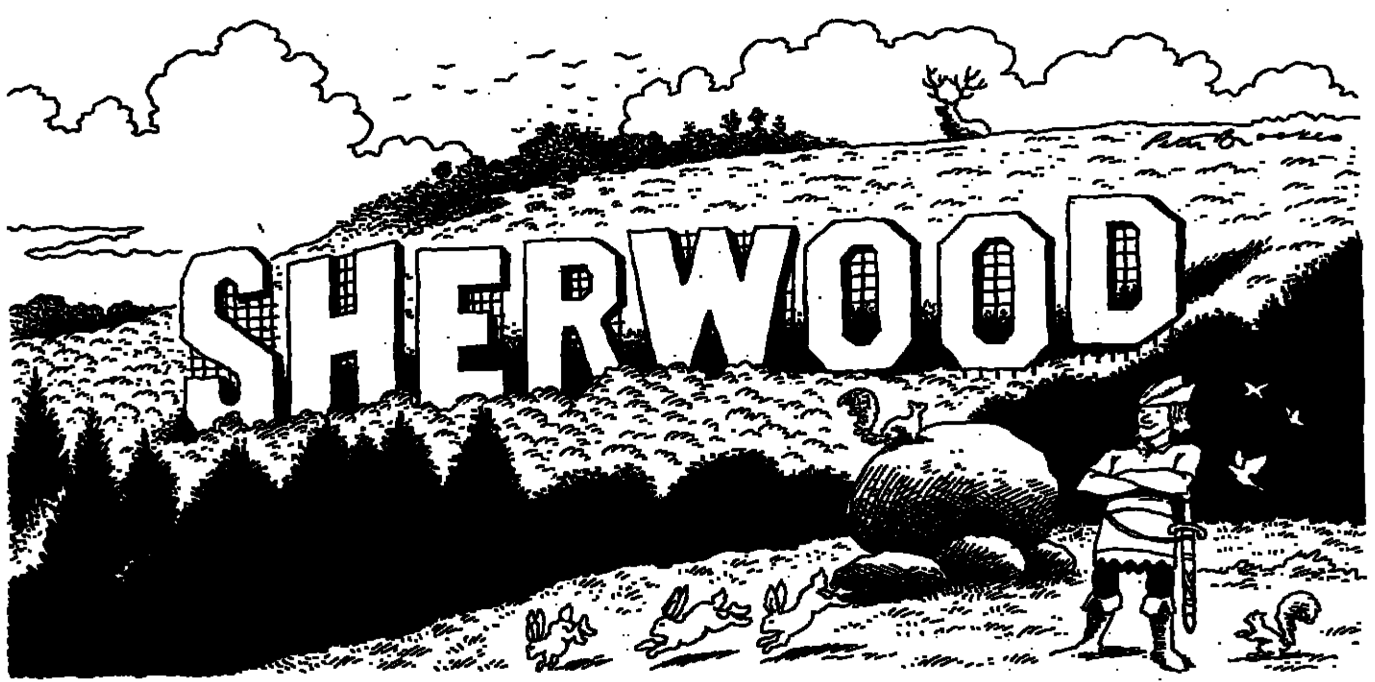
If the objective is British withdrawal, then an attempt at an imposed solution is logically the next move. But although some individual policy-makers may indeed be thinking along these lines (and I suspect that Peter Brooke may be among them), the cabinet has almost certainly not approved any such agenda. The decision to withdraw or not would have to be taken by the cabinet and it might well refuse. The Wilson government was offered a similar opportunity by the collapse of the Sunningdale Agreement, but did not take it.

Anyhow, the cabinet is quite likely to be considering, fairly soon, proposals for an imposed solution. Ministers should not take such a decision without also deciding what to do about Unionist resistance to an imposed solution. If the agreed policy in the face of such opposition is to prepare for withdrawal, then the decision to try to impose a solution makes sense. As an Irishman, I would regret a decision to withdraw, because I know that withdrawal would be followed by civil war in Ireland. But I can understand that a British government might decide that an Irish civil war might be less undesirable than the probable consequences of remaining indefinitely in Northern Ireland.

Unless Britain intends to withdraw, no imposed solution should be attempted. The real options in Northern Ireland are just two: either continued direct rule or withdrawal. By constantly seeking some attractive but non-existent option in between, successive governments have given the impression that they crave withdrawal, even while they reluctantly stay. That is an important part of the political culture in which the Provisional IRA has flourished for more than 20 years.

Filmgoers vote with their feet

American actors may jump on their political hobbyhorses but the public pays no heed, says Charles Bremner



Cinema audiences in America have been flocking to absorb political messages over the past few days, although they probably do not see it that way. In *Terminator 2*, they are watching Arnold Schwarzenegger repeat his role as a "cyborg", the part that transformed him from Austrian body-builder into an American star. Equally popular, despite derision from the critics, is *Robin Hood: Prince of Thieves*, Hollywood's latest take on the medieval bandit.

Arnie's fans know they are in for $100 million worth of techno-killing in the interests of saving the planet from future dictatorship. Robin Hood's patrons go to revel in the latest jaunt by Kevin Costner, the current heart-throb hero. The audiences are interested in having a good time, but the stars hope something of their ideology will rub off.

For Costner, the film is a chance to celebrate his agenda of liberal, "politically correct" issues. His Robin is a caring, ecologically sensitive champion of minority rights. Along with his wise Arab sidekick and a feminist Maid Marian, he puts paid to a Sheriff of Nottingham who is not just a greedy thug, but a polluter and date rapist to boot.

Schwarzenegger, who belongs to the much smaller club of Hollywood Republicans, demonstrates American resolve, a one-robot guarantor of Yankee liberties, a more lethal version of John Wayne. As the film opened this week, Schwarzenegger, who campaigned for the president in 1988 on the slogan that "George Bush is the real Terminator", made it known that he was thinking of a deeper role in politics for himself.

American actors with political aspirations are hardly a novelty, but with another presidential campaign on the horizon, their pronouncements are again attracting attention, raising old questions about how they influence ideology and the vote. Since politicians are more reviled than ever, and stars more revered, it may seem that the entertainment world alone can dictate the outcome of elections. But if this were the case, America would have a Democratic White House and probably a left-wing one, given the ideology of the Hollywood establishment.

Take foreign policy. *Rambo* notwithstanding, much of Hollywood's recent output has retained the world view born in the Vietnam era, in which good, usually Third World, countries are threatened by the machinations of a wicked Uncle Sam. Such thinking was particularly productive when it came to Latin America, where a string of recent films, such as *Under Fire*, *Missing* and (most recently) *Havana* have catalogued the imagined evils of America in Nicaragua, Chile and Cuba. The last of these, starring Robert Redford, amounted to a romantic paean to Hollywood's favourite dictator, Fidel Castro. Few people watched it, and earlier this year it crashed into the annals of film fiascos.

Musing over the failures of recent films promoting a left-wing view, the critic Richard Grenier concluded that Hollywood's moguls are prepared to humour their bankable stars with radical "foreign policy" vehicles in the hope that their celebrity alone would make hits. Tom Cruise did just that for Oliver Stone's anti-Vietnam *Born on the Fourth of July*. Costner may also manage it as the star of Stone's forthcoming account of the Kennedy assassination as a right-wing conspiracy.

At home, the liberal showbiz ideology has been out of tune with the country at large for a long time. In the America depicted in film and television, the rich are usually unscrupulous, big corporations are conspiratorial, the military are absurd and homosexuals are sympathetic. (Three out of four Americans still tell pollsters that homosexuality is wrong.) A new book, *Watching America*, by Robert Lichter, argues that the country is unwittingly being indoctrinated by the creative community of New York and Los Angeles. However, it seems more likely that the ideology passes the viewers by or backfires, as it did in *Dallas* and *Dynasty*. The unprincipled J.R. Ewing may have been intended as a villain, but he turned into a role model for the 1980s.

If Tinseltown's politics have in the past failed to translate into effective propaganda, the current generation of actors seems intent on reversing the record. In the pre-war days, stars were not supposed to have political views, lest these sully their broad appeal. It was the writers who were the communists and leftists, though they rarely let it show in their output. Celebrities began campaigning for candidates in the 1940s, when Orson Welles stumped for Franklin Roosevelt, and then in 1952 Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall took to the trail for Adlai Stevenson.

Not until the 1970s and the emergence of the generation of Robert Redford, Jane Fonda and Warren Beatty did the stars begin to believe that the power of celebrity conferred political legitimacy and superior wisdom. This coincided with the demise of the studio system and the emergence of actors as independent agents. Now, almost every star has an issues adviser and can sermonise on everything from nuclear power to Slovenian independence.

Meryl Streep can be found lecturing Congress on pesticides, while on the other side of the political fence Charlton Heston pitches on television for the patriotic right to own a gun. Meet a star for an interview and more often than not he or she will insist on "addressing issues" rather than trivial stuff about careers and private life. Even Sylvester Stallone, he of *Rocky* and *Rambo*, has recast himself as a socially conscious intellectual.

Hollywood provides essential funds for campaigners from both parties. Much of it flows through the quieter channels of the moguls, who, as they always did, need the continued goodwill of Washington for their industry, and often give judiciously to both parties. On their side, political candidates, particularly Democrats, troop like pilgrims to Hollywood and jump through ever more humiliating hoops to win the moral and financial support of moguls and stars. In *The Power and the Glitter*, a new book on the phenomenon, Ronald Brownstein concludes that Hollywood has not trivialised politics. Politicians, the disengaged public and the demands of television for abbreviated debate have all "lowered the level of discussion to a point where stars can more easily participate".

However, the politicians do not like stars who go beyond burnishing their image to peddling their own theories. In 1988, Michael Dukakis travelled across the country with an entourage of second-rank stars, but infuriated Hollywood by ignoring their policy advice. Some stars, notably Warren Beatty and Jane Fonda, are also considered too tainted for personal endorsement.

The feeling is mutual. Many celebrities, believing in their superiority to individual candidates, now prefer to campaign for themes, such as the environment and abortion rights, rather than commit themselves to flawed individuals who might lose, such as Gary Hart or Michael Dukakis. But even at home in California, all the campaigning of the stars failed to push through last year's Big Green referendum which would have imposed radical controls on the environment. So there is good reason to believe that Hollywood politics have only marginal influence, and audiences will continue to ignore the issues and flock in for the entertainment.

...and moreover

MATTHEW PARRIS

Walking down the promenade at Blackpool recently, I was hailed by a man in a stall. He was selling not donkey rides but raffle tickets in aid of a multiple sclerosis research and support society, A.R.M.S. The first prize was a new Ford Fiesta. I stopped.

"Haven't I seen you somewhere before?" the man asked. He was clearly an accomplished salesman.

Still, it was a good cause. Having a couple of friends with MS, I agreed with him that some illnesses seemed to interest society more than others. The uninteresting ones, like MS, though rather a problem for the sufferer, somehow attract less of the synchronised sympathising which characterises modern British concern.

This attitude is mindless. Your average *Guardian* reader would be horrified by any suggestion that someone who has picked up HIV through unprotected sex had only himself to blame. Yet confront the liberal conscience with a smoker who has contracted lung cancer, and "serves him right" will lie just beneath the surface of the response.

I bought a ticket for the MS raffle. It cost 50p. The man gave me my slip and I walked on.

And thought: "A new Ford Fiesta. Quite a prize."

And then: "I wonder what my chances are?"

"Statistically," I thought, "pretty slim. But then I'm lucky. It would in no way surprise me if I should soon be the owner of a new Ford Fiesta."

I don't need a Ford Fiesta. This struck me while boarding the train for London at Blackpool North. I don't need a car at all in London. In Derbyshire I have a car already. "What, I asked myself as the train pulled away, should I do with my Ford Fiesta?" Let's face it: another car would be surplus to my requirements.

"Fine," I thought, "that's settled. So what if I win it? What then?"

This worried me. Assuming I did not wish to keep the Fiesta, there seemed to be two possibilities. One was to hand it back to the MS people, to serve as the prize for their next raffle, or to sell, keeping the proceeds for themselves. The other was to give the car to a friend or relation whose need was greater than my own. I made a mental list of those who might appreciate this gift, deciding finally on my sister Deborah.

But Deborah has a car already. Though it could do with replacing, she wouldn't want to take a car from the MS people. Which of my relations would? I reverted to the idea of handing the prize back to the organisers of the raffle. It might be best to ask them to accept it from me for their next raffle. No publicity, of course. As my train pulled into Preston the problem seemed solved. And yet... here was I, potentially the owner of a new Fiesta, resolving to hand the thing back. Was this not the action of a party-pooper? The organisers of the raffle fully intended their prize to be claimed. Quite probably a philanthropic businessman with links to the motor trade had secured this vehicle at well below its market price. Doubtless he could get them another for their next raffle.

Besides, was I not spoiling the whole raffle ethos by my sanctimonious refusal to take the prize? People only buy the tickets because they hope to win. If the idea takes root that the responsible citizen never accepts his prize, then tickets will prove harder to sell and raffles will founder. By accepting my Fiesta, I would actually be assisting the whole charitable sector in marketing the raffle concept. On this their future raffle ventures depended. It was unsporting and selfish *not* to take the car.

Or was this just rationalising my own greed? I decided it was, and felt a little ashamed. The argument swung this way and that, as the train sped on.

By Crewe I had indigestion. I had changed my mind about accepting the Fiesta four times. I fell into a troubled sleep, rehearsing the arguments yet again.

I awoke at Watford Gap. You know how it is when you have fallen asleep worried: you wake up vaguely depressed forgetting what it was that was worrying you, but remembering that there is something to worry about. Of course! The Fiesta. Whatever shall I do?

Do? I realised my folly. Well thank goodness for that! The raffle had not been drawn. I had won nothing. It probably would not happen. No prize, no Fiesta, no dilemma. With a huge feeling of relief, I drifted back to sleep.

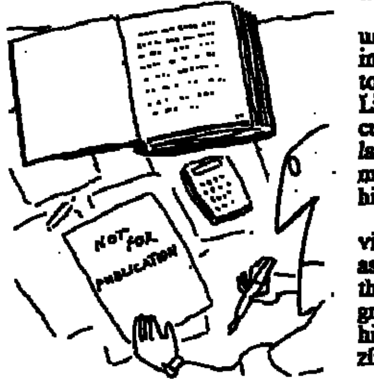
THE TIMES DIARY

Diaries adrift

Two and a half years after his death, the writer Bruce Chatwin has become the subject of a strange literary intrigue over his diaries. The mystery begins with the simple question of whether the diaries actually exist. Redmond O'Hanlon, his literary executor, says they do; Chatwin's widow, Elizabeth, is adamant that they do not.

"Chatwin wrote such an intimate diary, he kept it to himself and even recorded his thoughts in a secret code. He deposited them with the antiquarian bookseller, Bertram Rota," says O'Hanlon.

Not so, says Elizabeth Chatwin. "My husband never kept diaries. He certainly kept notebooks, as any writer does, to record his thoughts. But they were not formulated and you cannot tell when they were written. His notes were not written in code, though his handwriting was pretty illegible."



But O'Hanlon insists that someone has been employed to decipher the diaries — although, keeping up the mystery, he will not divulge the name of the woman who is said to have cracked the code.

The explanation appears to be that the diaries are so intimate that the author kept them secret even from those closest to him. "They give detailed records of every personal relationship, and are very explicit about his liaisons," says one close friend. "I'd like to think that the only reason not to publish them would be if they were boring. That most certainly is not the case."

A major literary row now seems unavoidable. Chatwin gave strict instructions that his papers were to be deposited in the Bodleian Library at Oxford, where they currently reside. He also stipulated that they were not to be made available for 20 years after his death.

But O'Hanlon takes a different view. "They should be published as soon as possible, so we can see the thoughts of one of Britain's greatest post-war novelists. Like his conversation, they will be dazzling," he says.

Bloomsdecade

A rose is a rose, said Gertrude Stein, adding several more roses for good measure. But for Miroslav Mandic, the Yugoslavian poet and artist, the bloom represents a ten-year walk round Europe, each day spent walking 20 kilometres, tracing with his steps the outline of the flower. Mandic begins his odyssey this autumn, and by the end of his marathon in 2001 will have drawn with his feet the intricate petals of a "Rose of Wandering" across the landscape of Europe, from Moscow to Lisbon, between Malta and Iceland. "A rose planted between two millenia," Mandic calls it.

At the risk of being prosaic, may one ask why he is doing this? "He hopes to travel freely from the Urals to the the Atlantic. If he succeeds in crossing all frontiers then it will be the mark of a free and united Europe," says a colleague. "He feels himself to be a European, rather than a Yugoslavian, or a Serbian, which he is by birth." If only his compatriots took such a broad view.

- *Welcome to the Kuwaiti national football team, whose 30-member squad arrived in London this week. Friendlies are planned against Watford, Chelsea and Wimbledon during their four-week stay. "It is the first time they have played since the war. There is still not a pitch in Kuwait that is crater-free," says a spokesman.*

Cabinet deluged

Rather as if the past 11 years had never happened, the ultra-wet Tory Reform Group will this Sunday announce two further steps in its apparent ambition to absorb the entire cabinet. David Hunt, the Welsh secretary, will take over as the new president, while Malcolm Rifkind will become the eighth member of the cabinet to become a patron of the group.

Eight months ago the wet group was as unfashionable as it was possible to be in Tory circles. Membership was something to be whispered, not boasted about. Tomorrow the transport secretary will join the ranks of Messrs Hunt, Hurd, Baker, Clarke, Heseltine, Patten and Waldegrave, while David Mellor and Tony Newton are confidently talked about as potential recruits to take the group's cabinet membership into double figures.

By contrast, the No Turning Back group, the sworn enemies of the TRG who are dedicated to taking ever onwards and upwards the legacy of their president, Mrs Thatcher, can claim just one cabinet minister, Peter Lilley. Game, set and match to the wets, say spectators of Tory sectarianism.

Sub conscious

The nuclear submarine that sank the Belgrano may be about to begin a new career as a floating museum at Gosport. Tom King, the defence secretary, is still undecided what to do with the decommissioned sub, HMS Conqueror, which is moored off the Scottish coast, but is considering the suggestion from Michael Mates, chairman of the Commons select committee on defence, who got the idea from France. Mates, however, concedes that the over-sensitive British may not yet be ready for a day out on a nuclear submarine. "Our public just does not seem to be as as robust about nuclear matters as the French," says the former lieutenant-colonel sadly.

- *So that was what the war of independence was all about. Raymond Seitz, the new American ambassador in London, made his first official speech to a British audience this week, and told them exactly what he valued about being an American: "Freedom from Marmite, from roundabouts, from three-prong plugs, from all-day cricket, and from* EastEnders.*" What of the old, vulgar saying that the only things wrong with Americans in Britain are that they are overpaid, oversexed and over here? "Well," said Seitz, "two out of three isn't bad." Which two he wasn't saying.*

RULES OF THE GAME

Back to Yugoslavia today goes the European Community troika of foreign ministers. They are in less confident mood than when they set out from Luxembourg last weekend proclaiming "the hour of Europe". The EC has brokered two ceasefires in a week, only to see them half-collapse. The warring parties agreed to reconstitute the federal presidency, only to see the Yugoslav army carry out a near-coup and dictate a fresh ultimatum to Slovenia. Yesterday Slovenia complied only in part, and Croatia promised to fight any federal troops crossing its territory, insisting that this would be no civil war but "an international conflict".

Meeting in The Hague, EC foreign ministers were understandably divided as to what would now be most likely to prevent all-out war in the Balkans: further attempts at even-handed mediation or, as Hans-Dietrich Genscher urged, immediate recognition of Slovenia and Croatia. The 12 were wise instead to try once again what an embargo on arms and aid coupled with further mediation could achieve.

Western public opinion is strongly with the Slovenes. To recognise the republics as sovereign states now might have superficial appeal. The EC would thereby uphold the principle of self-determination while maximising pressure on Serbia, whose refusal to countenance replacing an untenable federation by an "association" of sovereign republics was direct cause of its two neighbours' declarations of independence. But any such EC decision would have been irresponsible at this stage. Besides making all-out civil war even more likely, it would have stoked ethnic fires throughout Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. The presidents of Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary have been understandably appalled by the prospect.

To use recognition as a moral and political weapon to achieve change would be a perilous departure from established diplomatic practice. This is that recognition implies neither approval nor disapproval of a government, but an acknowledgement that it has sovereign authority in a given territory. The rule has been broken only rarely (Cambodia is one example) and almost always for the worse. By aiding the complete break-up of Yugoslavia, the EC would not only have disqualified itself as mediator but would, in effect, have declared that Europe's map could be changed by unilateral proclamation or armed force.

Germany should review a policy which has split the Community and alarmed its neighbours to east, west and south. Seen from Bonn, German enthusiasm for Slovene and Croat independence is inspired by altruism. But an independent Slovenia would be closely linked to Austria and thus to Germany. Bonn must take special care to avoid reviving fears of German dominance, in France as well as Eastern Europe. However unwarranted, such suspicions would make Balkan peace even more elusive.

The EC has insisted that any use of force in Yugoslavia is inadmissible, and offered to provide observers to monitor a ceasefire under the auspices of the 35 nations of the CSCE. The aim is not to prop up an unrealistic Yugoslav republic, but to prevent it from precipitate and violent fragmentation. The federal government accepts that Yugoslavia cannot and must not be held together by force. The federal army, the only solidly Titoist institution now fighting for its existence, appears to have different motives. The army command knows that an alliance of sovereign republics would have had little use for federal troops even before the tanks rolled into Slovenia. Each would now insist on controlling its own armed forces.

The priority is to bolster civilian authority, at both federal and republican levels, against military rule. That is only possible with a ceasefire. The difficult business of dissolving the federation can then be dealt with. That must include not just the forging of new economic relations between the republics, but guarantees of citizenship and civil rights for the minorities which exist everywhere, even in relatively homogeneous Slovenia. Diplomatic recognition should follow these events, not precede them.

BEHEADING THE HYDRA

Unlike most by-elections, Thursday's in Liverpool Walton was significant. Its significance lay neither in the swing from Labour to the Liberal Democrats, nor in the Tories' loss of their deposit, but in Neil Kinnock's crushing victory over his far-left tendency on its home ground. Peter Kilfoyle's triumph over "Real Labour" means that the Militant hydra has lost another head.

There is, however, nothing to stop it growing more heads elsewhere. Hercules killed the monster only by searing its neck after decapitation. The straight fight at the hustings capped Neil Kinnock's campaign to drive Militant into the open, but Herculean efforts will still be needed to drive the victory home on a wider front.

Billed as the gunfight at the OK Corral, Walton was more like a turkey shoot. While Lesley Mahmood, the Militant candidate, did not come out heels first — she at least beat the Tory — her error of judgment in standing against the official candidate can be seen as "the end of an era" in Liverpool, in the words of her comrade Derek Hatton. Not only are at least 100 Walton Labour party members who campaigned for Mrs Mahmood almost certain to suffer summary ejection but Terry Fields, the Militant-supporting MP for Broadgreen, looks likely to be evicted from the parliamentary party.

Since 1983, over 100 Militants and others have been expelled. Among the new Labour candidates standing in marginal seats at the next election, half a dozen at most could be considered extremists, and none has any known links with Militant. Yet this is not the end of the story for this bizarre extremism, nor the end of Mr Kinnock's troubles.

Militant remains well entrenched, feeding on the "rotten borough" politics of councils urgently awaiting Michael Heseltine's reforms. Militant is the largest organisation on the extreme left, with perhaps 7,000 members. It is comparatively prosperous, employing some 140 people full-time. The paper to which it gives its name owns profitable printing concerns, Cambridge Heath Press and Eastway Offset, which are believed to have links with about 60 local Labour parties. Like other hard-left groups, Militant Tendency gained new recruits during the anti-poll tax agitation last year.

All this means that Militant, despite setbacks in Liverpool, is still a force in Labour politics. Aided by Militant, the less well-known Trotskyist group, Socialist Organiser (also banned by Labour last year), came close to deselecting Frank Field as MP for Birkenhead. If Labour wins the next election, the hard left is certain to exploit the fact that Labour governments can rarely match the expectations of their idealists. They are vulnerable to charges of betrayal.

Labour will present the expulsions which must follow Walton as proof that the national executive is now merely engaged in mopping up. Mr Kinnock has proved adept at securing political gain from making tough speeches against the Militant threat. But any gain will have to be hard-fought. Mr Kinnock can expel Terry Fields, but he is unlikely to move against the streetwise Dave Nellist, and cannot contemplate action against the 30 or so other MPs who would oppose such a parliamentary purge.

If every last Militant were expelled, there would still remain the respectable hard left — of which the late Eric Heffer was a colourful representative — to parade itself as the alternative conscience of the party, to insist that Labour is supposed to be committed to socialism, however much this may embarrass the leadership. Proscribing Militant will never fully exorcise Labour's left. Killing the hydra was only one of Hercules' 12 labours.

HERITAGE IN KNOTS

Government policy on historic buildings is a mess. Historic house owners protest about reduced grants. So do cathedrals, more decorously. *English Heritage*, the relevant quango, could not be found a chairman to succeed Lord Montagu. The decision to allow Lord Palumbo to demolish listed buildings in the City of London has left conservation areas everywhere at risk. Architecture itself, with which conservation must live in symbiosis, is passing through a stylistic upheaval, leaving regulatory bodies unsure about "post-modern" schemes such as that at Paternoster Square near St Paul's.

Britain's laws on building conservation are sound. What is less sound is the political will to enforce them. One reason is the confusion of bodies charged with the task. Local authorities are in suspense over their future. Historic buildings ministers are reshuffled every six months. The Royal Fine Art Commission *has become* famously eccentric in its judgments of taste. But since it is purely consultative, its enlivening of debate is both welcome and harmless.

English Heritage, set up with an array of statutory powers in 1984, must plough a more delicate furrow. Its personality remains deeply split between owning and running the former Ministry of Works sites and castles and implementing government conservation policy. It monitors England's half million listed buildings. It vets important planning applications and disburses £100m of grants to needy owners.

This money is now stretched beyond reason. Under law, any outstanding historic building is entitled to a grant. In practice the great houses of England would eat the lot ten times over, not to mention the cathedrals, churches, chapels, industrial buildings, market towns and historic areas. Many owners see a conflict of interest in English Heritage approving, or refusing, grants to them while itself owning a large number of grant-maintained historic buildings, such as Stonehenge and Dover Castle.

New government guidelines are clearly needed to cover these grants. They should be aimed chiefly at those important buildings at risk of demolition. Yet this would make it even harder for struggling owners of fine houses, including the National Trust, to continue as responsible custodians of their property. Indeed, it would be an incentive to any owner to let a building decay until it qualifies as "at risk".

The answer must lie in other carrots than just grant: in particular, tax relief to encourage owners to maintain buildings in good order. Where the carrot is inadequate, the stick must be used more freely: planners enforcing conservation laws to the point of prosecution or compulsory purchase. The case of sadly dilapidated Heveningham Hall, raised this week in the Lords, shows how badly this is needed.

The powers and duties of English Heritage, its relationship with the environment department, the status of the Royal Fine Art Commission and the future role of county conservation teams all need review. Before English Heritage gets a new chairman, this baroque structure should be investigated before it, too, is at risk of collapse.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Fair play for fair pay up at the top

From Mr M. W. S. Hitchcock

Sir, It would have been an easy matter for the government to have required directors of recently privatised firms to receive the same pay increases as their employees, as suggested by Mr Ivor Hall (June 28), but would their services have been retained on that basis? If resignations had followed would there have been any candidates of the required stature for the vacant posts? Running a large privatised corporation is a much more responsible job than administering the same for the government.

As one who has kept an eye on public-service salaries for over 50 years by referring to *Whitaker's Almanack*, and taking inflation into account, I believe that current top salaries in public companies are in line with pre-war levels. It is the *level of ministerial salaries which* has fallen most behind; thus, in 1939, the prime minister received £10,000 and cabinet ministers £5,000 (exhibiting a differential scale long buried).

In any privatised company the salaries of the highest tier of management must be such as will retain their recipients' loyalty and recruit replacements of equal calibre. *The chief executive must* be paid more than his subordinates, as determined by the board. No responsible firm of salary consultants would recommend anything significantly different.

Yours faithfully,
M. W. S. HITCHCOCK,
The Mill House,
Bures, Suffolk.

From Mr N. M. Hancock

Sir, Whilst it would seem likely that the top job in an organisation such as National Power does command a salary of £240,000, at current market rates for chief executives, it does not necessarily mean that the present incumbent is worth that amount of money.

The employment market pays the individual what he is perceived to be worth. John Baker was "worth", it would appear, well under £100,000 before privatisation (report, July 5) but as a result of that exercise has been awarded massive increases. If such an increase was genuinely merited then surely the jobs market would have put him in a job paying that amount long ago.

Yours sincerely,
N. M. HANCOCK,
Beech Tree House,
Baker's Lane,
Pinkneys Green,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.
July 5.

From Mr Kenneth P. Armitage

Sir, According to the May issue of *Management Week* a study report from PA Consulting Group and Sundridge Park management centre suggests that over 70 per cent of non-executive directors "don't know what they are doing".

How, in that case, can such directors seriously address the subject of remuneration levels, particularly when their own level of remuneration is perhaps determined by the executive directors?

It must be up to shareholders to apply the brakes.

Yours faithfully,
K. P. ARMITAGE,
29 Stoneham Close,
Petersfield,
Hampshire.
July 3.

From Lord Mottistone

Sir, Mrs Rae Linnett (June 28) *points out the difficulties* small shareholders have in protesting at excessive salary increases of chairmen of large companies, especially those recently privatised. One can, however, make a gesture.

In answer to the notification of an AGM by British Telecom which I could not possibly attend, I invited the chairman to vote on my behalf *against* all the proposed motions and wrote across the form: "In protest against the chairman's salary increase at this time of necessary restraint".

Though I do not suppose that my protest could even have been noticed, unless there were many others, I was delighted to learn later from your newspaper (report, June 15) that the chairman had said that he was giving his increase to charity. Perhaps this is a way to further Mrs Linnett's intentions?

Yours faithfully,
MOTTISTONE,
House of Lords.
June 30.

From Dr Vivien Sieber

Sir, The old Central Electricity Generating Board used to support a *number of fundamental* research programmes into the biological effects of radiation. These were carried out both internally and via contracts with universities.

With privatisation, much of the work was stopped abruptly, often before completion. Are we to assume that this money saved is better spent on increased profits and directors' salaries?

Yours faithfully,
VIVIEN SIEBER,
62 East Avenue, Oxford.
July 2.

From Mr T. S. Donaghy

Sir, Mr Blenyth Jenkins, Institute of Directors (July 3), advocates the presence of non-executive directors on boards as a check on executive directors helping themselves to enormous salary increases. But non-executive directors are nearly always executive directors elsewhere. A case of greasing each others' palms.

Faithfully,
T. S. DONAGHY,
The Hollies, Brewery Lane,
Stansted, Essex.

From Mr Donald King

Sir, Chairmen and senior officers of privatised companies who accept very large pay increases are the leaders of all the staff employed by their companies. Example is of the first importance in leadership. It may be that they have been underpaid, but they have certainly not been poor and they are setting a bad example to their workforce.

Yours faithfully,
DONALD KING,
Greenways, Cray Road,
Crockenhill, Swanley, Kent.
July 2.

From Mr J. A. J. Berry

Sir, Now that the salaries of senior executives in the nationalised industries have been so considerably swelled following privatisation, I hope we see rather fewer of them appearing in the honours list.

Yours faithfully,
JAMIE BERRY,
Gowan House,
71 Gowan Avenue, SW6.
July 3.

Trial by jury

From Mr Charles P. Reed

Sir, Despite Benedict Birnberg's gallant attempt (July 3) to justify the acquittal of Pottle and Randle (report, June 27), the general impression will remain that the jury's verdict was against the evidence, and in that sense perverse.

Lord Devlin, in his Blackstone lecture of 1978, said that the jury should be as sovereign as Parliament in the task it performs. He praised the special function of the jury in enforcing public morality by delivering a perverse verdict if it believed justice so required.

That quality may have been a valuable safeguard for citizens in days of tyranny but in a modern democracy it is surely no longer for a jury to decide upon the morality of convicting a particular defendant. Its only function should be to decide according to the evidence.

I suggest that, just as the judge may direct an acquittal where there is no case to answer, so he ought to be able to direct a conviction if it becomes apparent that there is no evidence to support a plea of not guilty. Alternatively, just as the defence may appeal against conviction, so the prosecution ought to enjoy a right of appeal against a perverse acquittal.

A jury which delivers a perverse verdict betrays the trust we place in it to ensure the proper enforcement of the criminal law. We hear so much nowadays about miscarriages of justice which cause innocent people to languish in jail. Perhaps we ought to pay as much attention to ensuring that the guilty are properly convicted.

Yours sincerely,
CHARLES P. REED,
5 Ightham House, Bethersden Close,
Beckenham, Kent.
June 28.

From Dr P. G. McGrath

Sir, Judges are constantly reported as telling juries that their job is to find on facts, his to apply the law and pass sentence. Yet in the Pottle/Randle pantomime the jury decides what shall be justice, passes strictures on a judge's sentence of 30 years earlier and denies a judge the opportunity to sentence, even by absolute discharge, two self-confessed offenders. Thus the law is bent to the point of fracture.

Parliament, not juries, has the prerogative of changing the law.

I am , Sir, etc.,
PATRICK G. McGRATH,
18 Heathermount Drive,
Crowthorne, Berkshire.
July 2.

Palumbo and SAVE

From the Secretary of SAVE

Sir, Apart from your Diary's reference, published on the same day, you have carried no response to Lord St John of Fawsley's curious letter of June 21 in which he defended Lord Palumbo for enforcing the legal costs arising from our challenge to the demolition of No 1 Poultry. We, too, are at a loss to understand why the chairman of the Royal Fine Art Commission should involve himself in this matter, and I hope that it is not too late for us to comment.

Lord St John suggests that SAVE's action was brought to enjoy "the oxygen of publicity". SAVE's concern throughout has been to save eight listed buildings from unjustified demolition (a concern, one hopes, shared by the RFAC) or, failing that, to ensure that such a fundamental departure from policy was adequately *explained so that it* could not set a damaging precedent.

In the event three judges of the Court of Appeal held unequivocally that the secretary of state's reasoning was inadequate, and this view was implicitly accepted by the secretary of state, who did not seek to appeal to the House of Lords.

The House of Lords reversed this decision, partly on the somewhat surprising ground (surprising as the point was conceded by Lord Palumbo) that SAVE was not prejudiced (i.e., did not suffer) by any inadequacy of the reasons.

Lord St John also suggests that generosity to SAVE would set a precedent, encouraging others to resort to litigation at no expense to themselves. This ignores two crucial points. First, the whole basis of the Lords' decision was that it was fanciful to suggest the case could be a precedent. The second is that one hopes it will be unusual for such action to be necessary *against* the chairman of the Arts Council.

Yours faithfully,
MARIANNE WATSON-SMYTH,
Secretary,
SAVE Britain's Heritage,
68 Battersea High Street, SW11.
July 4.

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But is today's play still the thing?

From Mr Ian Flintoff

Sir, "Where are today's plays?" asks a *rightly perturbed* Benedict Nightingale (Arts, July 1).

As Shakespeare notes in *Hamlet* when the prince tells Polonius that actors are "the abstracts and brief chronicles of the time", drama has a unique function in society. There must therefore be something powerfully wrong when a society such as ours which has undergone, for better or worse, the immense changes of the past decade inspires nothing greater in would-be dramatists than stage versions of century-old favourite classics.

Shrewd contemporary critics such as Jane Austen and Charles Dickens were they alive would, in my view, be appalled to find their work so resuscitated as ersatz playwriting, undoubtedly preferring a fresh crop *of robust and perceptive originals in* their own tradition.

Where contemporary matters are tackled it is often in the form of uninspiring near-documentary, or thematic pieces of such tame obliqueness that the spectator often leaves the theatre under-nourished.

Our country is undergoing what may conceivably be the most fundamental changes in its role and character since the last century. Yet nothing is written even remotely commensurate with this fact, either for broadcasting or the stage.

It sometimes appears that there is a tacit agreement between writers and critics whereby the present mode for milk-and-water drama is over-praised, partly to keep both sides in business but also to string along a gullible public into believing that things are happening when they are not.

Whatever the cause, the present time merits the emergence of an Ibsen, Shaw, Arthur Miller, commensurate in stature with events. I suspect they exist but their robustness and intelligence are not in tune with the criteria of the time.

Yours sincerely,
IAN FLINTOFF,
22 Chaldon Road, SW6.
July 1.

Church strength that lies in variety

From Mr Michael Latham, MP for Rutland and Melton (Conservative)

Sir, As a reader in the diocese of Peterborough, I was present at the inspiring service on June 22 to mark the 125th anniversary of the refounding of the Ministry of Readers in the Church of England. While two of your correspondents (July 2) have focused on that sector of the Archbishop of Canterbury's remarkable address (report, June 24) when he talked about one service at the same time on Sunday, these remarks need to be set in context.

The archbishop's message was that some incumbents in scattered rural areas cannot provide a service at every church every Sunday unless either they drive furiously like Jehu from one church to another, or else use readers to assist them in the ministry of the Word.

It is true that readers cannot conduct eucharistic services, though they can, and do, assist at them. (Neither, incidentally, can deacons, although they are ordained.) But the archbishop also expressed his concern that the trend towards all Sunday services being Holy Communion had put pressure on many faithful adult churchgoers who are not confirmed, especially in rural areas.

He hoped that "Bible services", whether mattins or evensong from the Prayer Book, or indeed family services of an informal nature would also be available in our churches. Such services can be entirely conducted by readers, and frequently are. I conduct them myself.

Although every Anglican will gladly accept that the Eucharist must always be the highest expression of corporate worship, the archbishop's endorsement of "Bible services" is a welcome attempt to balance scales which had *tilted too* much one way as a result of the liturgical movement which arose from Vatican II. A historic strength of the Church of England is the variety of its services. That variety must never be lost or pushed to the margin.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL LATHAM,
House of Commons.

From Mr Allan Parrott

Sir, As a rural churchwarden I have been adjured at archdeacon's visitations and most strongly advised at subsequent suffragan episcopal occasions to study diligently Bishop Peter Nott's strategy for the diocese of Norwich, "Moving forward", from which Archbishop Carey is said to have quoted.

I am *concerned that* my understanding and that of many of my colleagues differs from the archbishop. "Moving forward" (pp. 14 and 15) commends consistency in times of services, not simultaneity. In our group of parishes we adhere to the same times every Sunday for services: 8 am, 11 am and 6.30 pm. It is the content which varies.

My old friend Richard Kingsbury (July 2) amusingly bewails his potential lot. What advice has he, I wonder, for this "ageing conservative" who, because of temporary clerical incapacity, finds himself responsible this coming Sunday for leading an act of worship entitled "Family Service".

Yours sincerely,
ALLAN PARROTT,
The Long House, Reedham,
Norwich, Norfolk.
July 2.

Sex before marriage

From Rabbi Dr Nisson E. Shulman

Sir, Dr Sidney Brichto (June 29) speaks for himself but not for Judaism when he countenances premarital sexual relations and advocates for this purpose reinstating "betrothal", thus misunderstanding or misrepresenting that institution as Judaism practised it. The "betrothal" to which he alludes was a contractual engagement without sexual relations. It actually helped keep the bride and groom inviolate before marriage.

Biblical as well as rabbinic sources require absolute abstinence from sex before *marriage and total fidelity* afterwards, for example, Deuteronomy 23:18, forbidding prostitution, and Leviticus 19:29, prohibiting immorality.

The great majority of Jews in Britain belong to Orthodox synagogues and would feel deeply offended by Dr Brichto's remarks. Judaism rejects tampering with religious precepts to suit immoral and dishonest times. It demands instead that we change the times we live in to conform to the standards taught by religion.

The ideal of sexual abstinence till marriage and the purity and sacred nature of marriage itself is the bedrock upon which a sound and moral society is based. To undermine this ideal is to destroy the society we strive to preserve.

Faithfully,
NISSON E. SHULMAN,
St John's Wood Synagogue,
37 Grove End Road, NW8.

Mysteries of morris

From Mr Neil B. Thomas

Sir, Dr Robert Plot, in his *Natural History of Staffordshire*, published in 1686, observes that the Abbots Bromley horn dance mentioned by Mr Robert Saunders (July 2) took place "within memory" and the judge Sir Simon Degge, who lived in nearby Uttoxeter between 1620 and 1630, records in a footnote to his copy of Plot's book: "This custom was continued to the Warre".

In other words, the horn dance was one of the casualties of the Puritan tyranny which followed the Civil War, to which many ancient customs succumbed. It was revived in the nineteenth century and still continues. This year's dance is on September 9.

People calling themselves pagans frequently attend the dance and attempt to imbue it with all sorts of superstitious nonsense. If the dance ever had pagan religious meanings, they were forgotten long ago.

Yours,
NEIL THOMAS,
6 Chaucer Road, Stafford.
July 2.

Older drivers

From the Director of Age Concern England

Sir, Ronald Watson's letter on older drivers (July 4) makes some important points but I feel strongly that a distinction between age and ability must be made.

Everybody ages at different rates, and driving ability will not necessarily deteriorate just because someone has reached the age of 60. Statistics show that accident rates of drivers aged 74 and over are lower than those aged 21 to 24 and less than half of those aged 17 to 21.

Older people in general are responsible citizens and research carried out at Manchester University shows that they *do* adapt their driving behaviour as necessary: for instance, not driving at night or in bright sunlight if their eyes no longer react quickly to glare.

This organisation believes that older drivers should never be discriminated against on the ground of age alone; the ability of drivers of any age is what is important.

Yours sincerely,
SALLY GREENGROSS, Director,
Age Concern England,
1268 London Road, SW16.

$10,000 question

Professor A. G. Atkins

Sir, Should those who worry about loss of sovereignty, the position of sterling, a common European currency and so on be concerned that at Wimbledon McEnroe (report, July 4) is fined in US dollars?

Yours faithfully,
TONY ATKINS,
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Inkpen Common, Berkshire.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
July 5: The Queen left the Palace of Holyroodhouse this afternoon and subsequently, as Patron, visited the National Bible Society of Scotland.

Having been received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for the City of Edinburgh (Mrs Eleanor McLaughlin, the Right Hon the Lord Provost), Sir David McNee (President of the Society) and the Reverend Fergus Macdonald (General Secretary). Her Majesty opened the new Scottish Bible Education Centre and unveiled a commemorative plaque.

The Secretary of State for Scotland (the Right Hon Ian Lang, MP), Lady Abel Smith, Sir Kenneth Scott and Wing Commander David Walker, RAF were in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 5: The Prince of Wales, Patron, The Royal College of Psychiatrists, addressed the College on the occasion of its 150th Anniversary Annual Meeting at the Metropole Hotel, Brighton, East Sussex.

His Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for East Sussex (Admiral Sir Lindsay Bryson).

Commander Richard Aylard, RN was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales opened the new offices of the Benesh Institute at 12 Lisson Grove, London NW1.

Wing Commander David Barton, RAF was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
July 5: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon was present this afternoon at a Garden Party given at St Mary's College, Strawberry Hill, for Teachers from the Commonwealth, The United States of America and Europe.

The Lady Glenconner was in attendance.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
July 5: The Duke of Kent, Chancellor of the University of Surrey, today presided at Ceremonies for the Conferment of Degrees in Guildford Cathedral.

Commander Roger Walker, RN was in attendance.

The Duchess of Kent this afternoon attended the Lawn Tennis Championships at Wimbledon, London SW19.

Mrs Colin March was in attendance.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
July 5: Princess Alexandra this evening opened an Exhibition of Photographs taken by The King of Thailand, at Taplow Court, Maidenhead.

Her Royal Highness was received by Her Majesty's Vice-Lord Lieutenant of Buckinghamshire (Mr John Paterson) and His Excellency the Ambassador of Thailand (Mr Sudhee Prasasvinitchai).

Mrs Peter Afia was in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester to be Patron of the London Choral Society.

Weekend birthdays

TODAY: Mr Dave Allen, comedian, 55; Mr Vladimir Ashkenazy, pianist and conductor, 54; Surgeon Vice-Admiral Sir Dick Caldwell, 82; Mr David Capel, cricketer, 28; Baroness Cox, 54; the Dalai Lama, 56; Professor A. G. Dickens, historian, 81; Mr Peter Glossop, baritone, 63; Lieutenant-General E.N. Goddard, 94; Miss Geraldine James, actress, 41;

Mr Jeff King, jockey, 50; Mr William McCall, trades unionist, 62; Mr John Makepeace, designer and furniture maker, 52; Professor Barry Nicholas, former principal, Brasenose College, Oxford, 72; Vice-Admiral Sir Arthur Pedder, 87; Miss Mary Peters, athlete, 52; the Right Rev Simon Phipps, former Bishop of Lincoln, 70; the Hon Jonathon Porritt, former director, Friends of the Earth, 41; Sir Charles Powell, executive director, Matheson and Company, 50; Lord Ross of Newport, 65; Miss Jennifer Saunders, comedienne, 33.

TOMORROW: Baroness Airey of Abingdon, 72; the Earl of Ancram, 46; Sir John G.N. Brown, publisher, 75; M Pierre Cardin, fashion designer, 69; Lord Carlisle of Bucklow, QC, 62; Sir Michael Colman, chairman, Reckitt and Colman, 63; Lord Denman, 75; Mr Charles Dyer, playwright and actor, 63; Lord Farnham, 60; Dr Rae Gilchrist, physician, 92; Sir John Hedley Greenborough, former president, CBI, 69.

Rear-Admiral J.S. Grove, 64; Lieutenant-General Sir Ian Harris, racehorse breeder, 81; Mr Michael Howard, QC, MP, 50; Professor Tom Husband, vice-chancellor, Salford University, 55; Mr Tony Jacklin, golfer, 47; Mr Barry Jackson, Serjeant Surgeon to The Queen, 55; Miss Rhona Jones, former matron, St Bartholomew's Hospital, 70; Mr Hamish MacInnes, mountaineer, 61; Lord Mais, 80; Sir Christopher Mallaby, diplomat, 55; the Earl of Mansfield, 61; Mr Gian Carlo Menotti, composer, 80; Mr Alessandro Nannini, racing driver, 32; Mr Bill Oddie, actor and ornithologist, 50; Mr Jon Pertwee, actor, 72; Mr Philip Reeves, etcher, 60; the Hon Sir Steven Runciman, CH, historian, 88; Sir Kelvin Spencer, scientist, 93; Mr Ringo Starr, former Beatles' drummer, 51; Sir Adam Thomson, former chairman, British Caledonian Group, 65; Sir Richard Turnbull, former colonial administrator, 82; Admiral Sir Frank Twiss, former Gentleman Usher of the Black Rod, 81.

Anniversaries

Today

BIRTHS: John Paul Jones, naval adventurer, Kirkbean, Dumfries, 1747; John Flaxman, sculptor, York, 1755; Sir Stamford Raffles, founder of Singapore, at sea off Jamaica, 1781; Sir William Jackson Hooker, first director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, 1841-65, Norwich, 1785.

DEATHS: Henry II, reigned 1153-89, Chinon, France, 1189; John Huss, religious reformer, burnt at the stake, Constance, Germany, 1415; Saint Thomas More, executed, London, 1535; Edward VI, reigned 1547-53, Greenwich, 1553; Guy de Maupassant, writer, Paris, 1893; Odilon Redon, painter, Paris, 1916; Kenneth Grahame, author of *The Wind in the Willows*, Pangborne, Berkshire, 1932; Aneurin Bevan, statesman, Chesham, Buckinghamshire, 1960; William Faulkner, novelist, Nobel laureate 1949, Oxford, Mississippi, 1962; Louis Armstrong, jazz and trumpeter New York, 1971; Otto Klemperer, conductor, Zurich, 1973.

The defeat of the Duke of Monmouth at the battle of Sedgemoor, 1685. Malawi, formerly Nyasaland, became a republic, 1966.

Tomorrow

BIRTHS: Joseph Jacquard, silk weaver, Lyons, 1752; Sir Morell Mackenzie, physician, Leytonstone, Essex, 1837; Gustave Mahler, composer, Kaliste, Austria, 1860; Marc Chagall, painter, Vitebsk, Russia, 1887.

DEATHS: Edward I, reigned 1272-1307, Burgh, Cumbria, 1307; Richard Brinsley Sheridan, dramatist and statesman, London, 1816; George Ohm, physicist, Munich, 1854; Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, writer, Crowborough, Sussex 1930; Sir Allen Lane, publisher, founder of Penguin Books, Northwood, Middlesex, 1970; Dame Flora Robson, actress, Brighton, 1984; Jimmy Edwards, comedy actor, 1988.

Weekend royal engagements

TODAY: Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will unveil a memorial at Hazlehead, Aberdeen, at 2.30 in memory of those who lost their lives in the Piper Alpha oil rig disaster.

The Prince of Wales will attend a performance of *The Creation* at the Sheldonian Theatre, Oxford, at 7.50 as part of the Haydn bicentenary celebration and in aid of the Bodleian Library.

The Duke and Duchess of Kent will attend Wimbledon at 1.55.

TOMORROW: The Duke and Duchess of Kent and Princess Alexandra will attend the finals at Wimbledon at 12.30.

York double

The Archaeological Resource Centre in York, one of Britain's newest attempts to present archaeology to the public, has won the title of best museum of archaeology or history in the museum of the year awards (Norman Hammond writes).

The ARC, housed in the redundant church of St Saviour, offers a "hands-on" experience of archaeology: in the nave visitors can handle ancient pottery, bones and tools, and find out how they are identified and classified. There is also a computer simulation of how a dig in conducted.

The centre is owned by the York Archaeological Trust.

The main museum of the year award was won by the Railway Museum, also in York.

Church news

Appointments

The Rev Jeremy P Whittaker, Team Vicar, Guildford, Westborough, St Francis and St Clare: to be Chaplain, Pierrepont School, Frensham (Guildford).

The Rev David C Bailey, Vicar, South Cave and Ellerker w Broomfleet: to be *also* Rural Dean of Howden (York).

The Rev Kenneth W Bateman, Assistant Curate (NSM), Pilling, and Chaplain, Lancaster Moor Hospital (Blackburn): to be Stipendiary Assistant Curate, Kirkby Lonsdale Team Ministry (Carlisle), and continues as Chaplain, Lancaster Moor Hospital.

The Rev Paul J Broadbent, Team Vicar, Ross w Brampton Abbotts, Bridstow and Peterstow (Hereford): to be Vicar, Pattishall w Cold Higham and Gayton w Tiffield (Peterborough).

The Rev Donald Carpenter, Vicar, Baildon (Bradford): to be Priest-in-charge, St Mary w St Nicholas, Perivale (London).

The Rev Paul Charles, Priest-in-charge, St George's, Badshot Lea (Guildford): to be Priest-in-charge, Little Marlow w Flackwell Heath (Oxford).

The Rev Canon Geoffrey L Davies, Rector, St Mary, Lymm: to be *also* Rural Dean of Great Budworth (Chester).

The Rev Robert H Everett, Assistant Curate, Plymstock: to be Rector, St Dominic and Landulph and St Mellion w Pillaton (Truro).

The Rev Steven F Foster, Rector, Sandon: to be Rector, Wanstead (Chelmsford).

The Rev Colin Gibson, Assistant Curate, Thrybergh: to be Priest-in-charge, St Lawrence, Tinsley (Sheffield).

Resignations and retirements

The Rev George Roberts, Vicar, St David, Carr Mill (Liverpool): to retire as from 31 October.

The Rev Alfred J. Wright, Vicar, East Challow, diocese of Oxford: to retire as from June 30.

Cordwainers' Company

The following have been elected officers of the Cordwainers' Company for the ensuing year: Master, Mr J.J.B. Skinner; Senior Warden, Mr L.P. Mainzer; Second Warden, Mr T.M.A. Upfill-Brown; Steward Warden, Mr G.A.B. Shaw; Renter Warden, Mr J.C.H. Blanford.

OBITUARIES

GABY SCHREIBER

Gaby Schreiber, consultant designer, died in London on July 3. She was born in Austria in the early 1920s but was secretive about her exact age.

WITH her work for BOAC, designing the interiors of a series of prestigious passenger jets from the Comet IV to the VC10, Gaby Schreiber established herself as one of Britain's leading post-war interior designers. Another high profile commission came when she was one of five men and three women asked by Cunard to create the interior decor of the QE2 transatlantic liner which, in 1965, was set to be a showpiece of "modern" British industrial and shipping eminence.

An elegant and dynamic brunette who headed her own team of 20 specialists, Schreiber played an influential role in setting the design standards of the 1960s. Gaby Schreiber & Associates were adept at combining their concept of style and taste with required standards of functionality in designs for supermarkets, high street stores, office blocks and factories at a time when the significance of industrial design was little appreciated in Britain. Her operations were based on "versatility not specialism" and she emphasised that her group handled what she called "total design projects, from tea-cups to buildings."

When she was appointed interior design consultant for the BOAC fleets in 1957 one of the airline's senior executives remarked that until then the airline's interior styling had looked as though it had been thought up overnight. Schreiber's task was not only to stamp a distinctive style on the passenger cabins by specifying the colour of the upholstery and tablewear. Her group undertook the shaping of the interior walls and bulkheads, ventilation grilles, lighting, air-conditioning and luggage-racks while taking into account the particular problems of fire-proofing, weight, durability and maintenance.

Gaby Schreiber was a fellow of the Chartered Society of Designers and served for two years on the Council of Industrial Design (now the Design Council), during which time she was twice on the Duke of Edinburgh's selection panel for his prize for elegant design. In her firm, which she formed in 1943, she gathered around her a talented team who carried out a number of important projects. Perhaps the most notable of these were the designing of interiors of the Comet IV, the DC7C and the Britannia.

There was much controversy over the design of the interior of the QE2. Cunard had appointed a team composed largely of interior decorators under Lady Brocklebank, the wife of the Cunard chairman, but also including interior designers James Gardner, Dennis Lennon and Gaby Schreiber. This caused strong criticism and the Board of Trade referred the matter to the Council of Industrial Design who were unable to persuade the Cunard board that there was a difference between an interior decorator and an interior designer and that it was the latter which was needed in this case.

In the end, on a change of chairmanship of the Cunard company, Lady Brocklebank and several interior decorators resigned and James Gardner was charged with the exterior design of the QE2 in conjunction with the naval architect of the company and Dennis Lennon was put in overall charge of the interior design. He divided the work between himself, Schreiber and several others.

Gaby Schreiber was half Austrian, part German and a little French. She was born in Vienna, the daughter of Peter Wolff, and she studied art and stage design in Vienna, Florence, Berlin and Paris before she came to England not long before the war. She was already married to Leopold Schreiber.

At first she went to work at Lord Antrim's furniture factory at Glenham. During the war she designed plastic eating utensils for the forces and also developed factory-made army huts. After the war she extended her activities to designing more elaborate kitchen and household equipment. Mass production interested her. She saw it as a means of creating luxurious conditions for the public at large and was an early advocate of applying good standards of taste to products sold in chain stores.

Schreiber was a successful and efficient businesswoman in an area in which, at that time, it was not easy for a woman to succeed. At the same time she retained her femininity. She dressed at Balmain, spoke four languages and had many friends, who enjoyed her generous hospitality in her beautiful flat in which were displayed a collection of works of art and craft including, at one time, works by Constantine Guy, Marino Marini, Van Gogh, Picasso and Matisse.

She married secondly, in 1953, William Fishbein. Both marriages were dissolved and there were no children.

EDWARD HALE

Edward Mathew Blagden Hale, master of wine, died of cancer on June 5 aged 64. He was born in Uppingham on November 25, 1926.

TED Hale, one of the great characters of the wine trade, was renowned for his depth of knowledge in a field which is often obscured by pretentious talk. With two generations of schoolmasters before him teaching was in his blood and he went out of his way to share his understanding of the subject with hundreds of trainees learning about wine.

But for a car accident in Hong Kong while he was working for the colonial police he might never have entered the wine trade. The accident left him with a crooked arm and he was invalided out of the service. Three years after joining Harvey's of Bristol as a trainee in 1953 he was awarded the Michael Gordon Clerk scholarship of wine. In 1957 he went to Bouchard Ainé, where he pioneered Beaujolais Nouveau in England. He later took over an old family wine merchant, Edwin Giddings of Devizes, which traded until the late 1960s. After a brief spell at J. B. Reynier he was asked in 1970 to return to Harvey's as wine buyer. He often drove Harvey's chef at its London Pall Mall offices to despair by the numerous impromptu parties he gave.

At wine tastings he was famous for asking youngsters their opinion, not in order to put them on the spot, but so that he could demonstrate to people in the trade that he thought their opinions were worthwhile. He was not always kind. To those who bluffed and puffed their way through the wine world he was ruthless. He had an acerbic tongue and an eloquence that could shock the stupid and the fatuous into silence. But for those who showed real interest and the desire to learn he was exceptional in his generosity and encouragement.

He was chairman of the wine committee of the International Wine and Food Society, and ran the annual Oxford and Cambridge tasting for many years. He was the first librarian of the Institute of Masters of Wine, adding much of his personal collection to that now held in the Guildhall. He became chairman of the institute in 1980. He was a member of the Saintsbury Wine Club, where he was also appreciated not only for his knowledge of wine but as a bon vivant and gourmet of distinction who loved to cook and entertain.

Happiest when surrounded by people, his numerous visitors during his last months in hospital were offered an inexhaustible supply of champagne and fine wine. This created a constant party atmosphere keeping his spirits high during his long and painful illness.

He is survived by his wife Janet and a daughter and two sons from former marriages.

CYRIL ALDRED

Cyril Aldred, Egyptologist and keeper of art and archaeology in the Royal Scottish Museum, 1961-1974, died in Edinburgh on June 23, aged 77. He was born in London on February 19, 1914.

TO DESCRIBE Cyril Aldred simply as an Egyptologist does little justice to a man whose interests were omnifarious, and whose talents were so diverse. Among the wider public Aldred's name is associated especially with Akhenaten, the so-called "heretic" pharaoh of the eighteenth dynasty, with Tutankhamun, and with Egyptian art.

In *Akhenaten, Pharaoh of Egypt* (1968) he opened up a number of lines of enquiry. Much of what he then wrote about the medical condition of Akhenaten and the history of the period did not survive the lively debates of the following 20 years. His *Akhenaten, King of Egypt* (1988) was no modest revision of the earlier work, but a complete rewriting of the whole, a considered reassessment and a monument to a scholar who was ever ready to revise views and to rethink solutions in the face of new evidence. In neither volume did he seriously discuss the art of Akhenaten's reign, but he used the vehicle of the catalogue of "Akhenaten and Nefertiti" (1973), the great Brooklyn and Detroit exhibition, to give a magisterial pronouncement on the subject: he set out his ideas about the stages in the development of the art of the period; he considered the royal contribution to the ethic which inspired his artists; and he described, with great sensitivity and understanding, the peculiar significance of the artistic changes. It is an abiding study in style and interpretation.

Aldred's earliest interests in art were fostered at the Sloane School in London, where he was introduced, in 1932, to Howard Carter, the discoverer of Tutankhamun's tomb. Carter was impressed by Aldred's interest and offered to take him to Egypt for a trial season. The offer was sensibly declined and the less adventurous alternative of King's College London and the Courtauld Institute provided Aldred with the academic equipment to face a more conventional career.

He entered the Royal Scottish Museum in 1937 and, after war service in the RAF, he began seriously to pursue the study of Egyptian art. The limited facilities available, in the libraries of Edinburgh and the modest resources of Egyptian material in the museum in no way deterred him from his purpose and three small volumes (1949-51) on different stages in the history of Egyptian art announced the arrival of a scholar who could write about the subject in a way never previously attempted in this country. These three volumes, collected as *The Development of Ancient Egyptian Art* (1952), showed him to have a perceptive eye, an ability to analyse convincingly and generalise authoritatively and a lively jargon-free style. Subsequent studies established his reputation for scrupulous scholarship and a precise instinct for significant detail. His *Egyptian Art* (1980) provided an excellent general survey: but sadly he never seriously attempted a systematic study of Egyptian sculpture for which he was supremely well-equipped. Happily much of his late thinking is contained in the chapters he contributed to three Egyptian volumes in the Malraux series *L'Univers des Formes* (1978-80).

His exhibitions of the Egyptian holdings in the Royal Scottish Museum — significantly increased during his time there — were usefully augmented by careful copies of ancient craftsmanship made by himself. His skills as a goldsmith and enameller helped to make him the leading interpreter of ancient Egyptian jewellery: his *Jewels of the Pharaohs* (1971) remains a standard work on the subject.

A year spent in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York (1955-56), in a large and active department wonderfully stocked with Egyptian antiquities, showed Aldred what he might achieve in the best environment. For him, however, Edinburgh provided the right environment for the kind of life he wished to live. Here he could pursue a well-balanced, humane existence. Here he could make wine, versify, often scurrilously, with friends, cultivate his garden (with remarkable knowledge and skill) and here he could entertain friends and colleagues. Dapper in appearance and unusually neat in manner, he possessed a wicked grin that proclaimed a wit of a very special kind. In formal circumstances it might be suppressed — he greatly disliked the lecture theatre, for example — but it would flower abundantly in small gatherings and in the informal circumstances of Nile cruises, on which he was a notably successful guest lecturer. He was most appropriately elected fellow of the Royal Society of Edinburgh in 1978.

He married Jessie Kennedy Morton in 1938. She and a daughter survive him.

Royal College of Art

The Right Hon the Earl of Gowrie, Provost of the Royal College of Art, presided over Convocation on Friday, July 5, 1991, at the Royal Albert Hall, London, SW7.

Honorary doctorates of the College were conferred upon Mr Giorgio Armani, Sir Norman Foster, Mr R. B. Kitaj, Mr David Lynch, Mr Dieter Rams.

Senior fellowships of the College were conferred upon Mr Alan Davie, Mr Robin Day, Sir Nicholas Goodison, Miss Mary Quant, Sir Denis Rooke, Mr David Sylvester, Mr Robin Wade.

Honorary fellowships of the College were conferred upon Dr Alan Borg, Mr Neville Burston, Dr Kevin Coates, Mr Tom Eckersley, Ms Margaret Gardiner, Mr David Maroni, Mr Tissa Ranasinghe, Mr Barry Robinson, Dr Charles Saumarez Smith, Mr Julius Schofield.

Fellowships of the College were conferred upon: Ms Gillian Crampton Smith, Professor Theo Crosby, Mr Alan Cummings, Mr Roy Deller, Ms Molly Dublin, Ms Bobby Gill, Miss Jane Iremonger, Professor Tim Mara, Mr John Murphy, Professor Glynn Williams, Mr Lol Sargent, Mr Derek Wallbank.

Memorial service

Sir Robin MacLellan

A service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir Robin MacLellan was held yesterday in Glasgow Cathedral. Dr William Morris officiated, assisted by the Rev Moira MacCormick. Mr Charles Tyrrell, Chairman of the National Trust for Scotland, and Mr Alan R. Devereux read the lessons.

Mr Bruce MacLellan, son, read Henry Newbolt's *Clifton Chapel* and Mr Timothy Melville-Ross, Chief Executive of the Nationwide Anglia Building Society, gave an address.

Service luncheon

Royal Irish Fusiliers

Lieutenant-Colonel J. H. Coldwell-Horsfall presided at the annual Faugh-a-Ballagh luncheon for former officers of the Royal Irish Fusiliers held yesterday at the Institute of Directors.

Church services tomorrow

CANTERBURY CATHEDRAL: 8 HC; 9.30 M (Quire); 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis in B flat (Mozart), O sacrum convivium (Messiaen), Rev J H R de Sausmarez; 3.15 E & procession to the site of the shrine of St Thomas, Responses (Rose), St Thomas honour we (Anon), St John's Service (Tippett), Opem nobis, O Thoma (Palestrina); 6.30 ES (Quire), The Archbishop.

YORK MINSTER: 8 & 8.45 HC; 10 S Euch, Kronungsmesse (Mozart), Canon R Mayland; 11.30 M (Venite) Responses (Byrd), Noble in B minor; 4 E, Wood in F, Hail gladdening light (Wood), Mr Charles Tomson.

ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL: 8 & 11 HC, Missa Brevis in C, Coronation Mass (Mozart), Lord, what is man? (Holloway), Very Rev E Evans; 3.15 E, Bairstow in D, Insanae et vanae curae (Haydn), Rev C Hill.

WESTMINSTER ABBEY: 8 HC; 10 M, Responses (Leighton), Short Service (Byrd), Let my prayer (Harris), Brother Samuel SSF; 11.15 Abbey Euch, Monteverdi Mass, Canon A Harvey; 3 E, Westminster Service (Howells), Let all the world (Leighton), Canon A Harvey; 5.45 Organ Recital; 6.30 ES, Canon D Gray.

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL: 9 HC; 11 Euch, Missa de Angelis (Plainsong), Let all mortal flesh keep silence (Bairstow), Tantum ergo (Duruflé), The Provost; 3 E, Brewer in D, O Lord, look down from heaven (Battishill), Canon P Penwarden.

WESTMINSTER CATHEDRAL: 7, 8, 9, 12, 5.30 & 7 Mass; 10.30 SM, Asperges me (Plainsong), Messe Cum iubilo (Duruflé), Cantique de Jean Racine (Fauré), O salutaris hostia (Caplet), Prelude & Fugue in D minor (Schmidt); 2.30 Organ Recital; 3.30 Solemn V & B; 3.30 Magnificat quinti toni (Viadana), Dominus Iesus (Palestrina), Prelude & Fugue in F minor (J S Bach).

ST GEORGE'S CATHEDRAL, Southwark: 8, 10 (Children's), 6 LM; 11.30 HM, Very Rev Canon J P Pannett; 3 Liturgy of the Sick.

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DIVINE WISDOM, Moscow Rd, W2: 9.30 M; 11 Divine Liturgy.

RUSSIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF THE DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD, Ennismore Gdns, SW7: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL OF ST SAVVA, Lancaster Rd, W11: 10.30 Divine Liturgy.

THE CHAPEL ROYAL, St James's Palace: 8.30 HC; 11.15 S Euch, Four Part Mass (Byrd), Bishop of Chelmsford.

QUEEN'S CHAPEL OF THE SAVOY, WC2: 11 S Euch, Byrd Four Part, Rev J Robson.

ROYAL NAVAL COLLEGE CHAPEL, Greenwich, SE10: 11 S Euch, Creator's Hymn (Beethoven), O Quam Gloriosum (Victoria), Rev D Barlow.

GRAY'S INN CHAPEL: 8.30 HC; 11.15 Divine Service, Canon E James.

LINCOLN'S INN CHAPEL: 11.30 MP (Venite), Te Deum, Benedictus, O taste and see (V Williams), Rev F V A Boyse.

TOWER OF LONDON, EC3: 11 M, Responses (Byrd), Vaughan Williams in G, Jubilate (Chant), O Lord God of Hosts (Purcell), Rev R D Gould.

TEMPLE CHURCH, Fleet Street, EC4: 8.30 HC; 11.15 MP, Ave Maria (Holst), Responses (Thalben-Ball), Te Deum (Stanford in B flat), Jubilate Deo (Stanford in B flat), Why rage fiercely the heathen (Mendelssohn), Rev Canon J Robinson.

ST CLEMENT DANES (RAF Church) WC2: 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev B Lyons.

CHAPEL ROYAL, Hampton Court Palace: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Monteverdi for Four Voices, Christe adoramus te (Monteverdi); 3.30 E, Thou standest, O Lord (Mendelssohn), Walmisley in D minor, Laetentur coeli (Byrd).

ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER: 11 S Euch, Rev I Thurston.

ALL SAINTS, Margaret Street, W1: 8 & 5.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis in D (Mozart), Exsultate Deo (Palestrina), Rev P McGeary; 6 E & B, Wood in G, Ave Maria (Rachmaninov), Rev J A Younger.

ALL SOULS, Langham Place, W1: 11 Rev I Bentley; 6.30 Rev S Wookey.

CHELSEA OLD CHURCH, Old Church Street, SW3: 8 HC; 10 Children's Service; 11 HC, Archdeacon of Middlesex; 6 E, Mr D N Royce.

CHRIST CHURCH, CHELSEA, SW3: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev S Acland.

GROSVENOR CHAPEL, South Audley Street: 8.15 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Britten), Tantum ergo (Fauré), Ave Verum (Poulenc), Theme and Variations (Andriessen), Rev A W Marks.

HOLY TRINITY, Brompton Road, SW7: 10.30 Family HC, Rev J A K Millar; 6.30 Informal Service, Rev N G P Gumbel.

HOLY TRINITY, Prince Consort Road, SW7: 8.30 HC; 11 Choral HC, Rev Dr M Israel.

HOLY TRINITY, Sloane Street, SW1: 8.45 HC; 11 S Euch, Rev K L Yates.

ST ALBAN'S, Brooke St, EC1: 9.30 SM; 11 HM, Missa Ecce Bone (Tye), Rev J Knight; 5.30 LM.

ST BARTHOLOMEW THE GREAT, Smithfield, EC1: 9 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Scheiber), Rev A Winter; 6.30 E, Elway Bevin in Dorian mode, Rev T Farrell.

ST BRIDE'S, Fleet Street, EC4: 11 S M & Euch, Stanford in B flat, Missa Brevis (Preston), Miserere (Allegri), Canon J Robertson; 6.30 E, Responses (Byrd), Batten Fourth Service, Vox dicentis (Naylor), Rev W Boulton.

ST CUTHBERT'S, Philbeach Gardens SW5: 10 HC; 11 S Euch, Darke in E, Rejoice in the Lord always (Purcell), Rev J Vine.

ST GEORGE'S, Bloomsbury, WC1: 10 HC; 6.30 E.

ST GEORGE'S, Hanover Square, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Walton), A. Let my prayer come up (Purcell), The Rector.

ST GILES-IN-THE-FIELDS, St Giles High St, WC2: 8 & 12 HC; 11 MP; 6.30 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Piccadilly, W1: 8.30 HC; 11 S Euch; 5.45 EP.

ST JAMES'S, Sussex Gardens, W2: 8 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Short Service (Gibbs), God so loved the world (Stainer), Rev S Galloway; 6 Euch (with Ministry of Healing Short Service), First Service (Weelkes), Glorious and Powerful God, Rev D Randall.

ST JOHN'S, Hyde Park Crescent, W2: 8 & 6.30 HC; 10 Euch with Children's Church, Rev O Ross.

ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, Holland Rd, W14: 10 Mass (Latin); 11 SM, Fr G Bright; 6 V & B.

ST JOHN'S WOOD CHURCH, NW8: 8 HC; 9.30 HC; 11 S Euch, Missa Brevis (Mathias), O Sacrum Convivium (Messiaen), Rev B Clover.

ST LUKE'S, Chelsea, SW3: 8 & 12.15 HC; 10.30 S Euch, Locus iste (Bruckner), Set me as a seal (Walton), Rev S Watson; 6.30 E, Evening Hymn (Gardiner), Rev S Acland.

ST MARK'S, Regent's Park Rd, NW1: 8 HC; 10.30 Euch, Schubert in G, The Lord hath been mindful (Wesley), Rev D Saville.

ST MARGARET'S, Westminster, SW1: 11 S Euch, Service in the Phrygian mode (Wood), I sat down under his shadow (Bairstow), Rev C Richardson.

ST MARTIN-IN-THE-FIELDS, WC2: 8, 12.30 & 7.30 HC; 9.45 Euch, Canon P Welsby; 11.30 Visitors' Service; 2.45 Chinese Service (HC), Rev G Lee; 5 E.

ST MARY ABBOTS, Kensington, W8: 8 & 12.30 HC; 9.30 S Euch, Rev T Curl; 11.15 M, Rev I L Robson; 6.30 E, Rev I L Robson.

ST MARY'S, Bourne Street, SW1: 9, 9.45 & 7.30 LM; 11 HM, Missa brevis in D minor (Mozart), Locus iste (Bruckner), How lovely are thy dwelling (Brahms), Fr L Phillips; 6.15 Procession of Our Lady & SB, Dr R Harper.

ST MARY'S, Primrose Hill, NW3: 10.30 S Euch, Sumsion in F, Rev M Vine.

ST MARYLEBONE, Marylebone Road, W1: 8 HC; 11 S Euch, Mass for three voice (Byrd), Love bade me welcome (Vaughan Williams), Rev J Chater; 6.30 Ministry of Healing, Rev C Hamel Cooke.

ST MARY-LE-STRAND (WRNS Church), Strand WC2: 11 Sung Communion, Rev O Clarke.

ST MATTHEW'S, Westminster, SW1: 8 LM; 10 S Mass, Murray & Lourdes, Bishop Rawcliffe; 6.30 LM.

ST MICHAEL'S, Chester Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 11 MP, Rt Rev B Flagg; 7 Informal ES & HC, Rev J Crossley.

ST MICHAEL'S, Cornhill, EC3: 11 S Euch, O taste and see (Vaughan Williams), Westron Wynde Mass (Tye), In manus tuas, Domine (Wilton), Rev D Burton Evans.

ST PAUL'S, Onslow Square, SW7: 10 Family Service; 6.30 Informal Service.

ST PAUL'S, Wilton Place, SW1: 8 & 9 HC; 11 Solemn Euch, Missa O quam gloriosum (Victoria), If ye be risen again with Christ (Gibbons), O Sacrum Convivium (Tallis), Rev C Courtauld.

ST PETER'S, Eaton Square, SW1: 8.15 HC; 10 Family Mass; 11 SM, Missa Ascendens Christus, Fr D Tillyer.

ST SIMON ZELOTES, Milner Street, SW3: 8 HC; 11 MP, Vaughan Williams in G, Like as the hart (Howells), Rev G James; 6.30 E, Anthony Hill in B flat, Brother James's Air, Rev G James.

ST STEPHEN'S, Gloucester Road, SW7: 8 & 9 LM; 11 SM, Missa de la Batalla escoutez (Guerrero), Confirma hoc Deus (Byrd), Justorum animae (Byrd), Fr C Colven.

ST VEDAST, Foster Lane, EC2: 11 SM, Rev R Avent.

THE ANNUNCIATION, Bryanston Street, W1: 11 SM, Messe Breve aux chapelles (Gounod), Ave verum corpus (Saint-Saens); 6 LM & B.

ST COLUMBA'S CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Pont Street, SW1: 11 Rev W Alexander Cairns; 3 Earl Haig Service, Rev J H McIndoe; 6.30 Rev J H McIndoe.

CROWN COURT CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, Covent Garden, WC2: 11.15 & 6.30 Rev H G Ross; 12.20 HC.

THE ASSUMPTION, Warwick Street, W1: 11 Missa Quinti toni (Lassus), Petro ego pro te rogavi (Guerrero), Caro et sanguis (Guerrero).

CHURCH OF OUR LADY, Lisson Grove, St John's Wood: 10.45 Sung Latin Mass, Missa de Dringhe (Brumel), Surge Propera (Guerrero).

FARM STREET, W1: 7.30, 8.30, 10, 12.15, 4.15, 6.15 LM; 11 HM, Missa Brevis (Gabrieli), Cantate Domino (Hassler), O Sacrum convivium (Croce).

THE ORATORY, Brompton Road, SW7: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.30, 4.30, 7 Mass; 3 V & B.

ST MARY'S, Cadogan Street, SW3: 8.30, 10, 11 St John the Baptist (Turner), Cibavit illos (Tye), Gustate et Videte (Isaac), 12.15, 6.30 MM.

OUR LADY OF VICTORIES, Kensington High Street, W8: 8.30, 10, 12.30, 6.30 LM; 11.15 SM, Mass in E flat (Goller), Ave Maria (Murray).

AMERICAN CHURCH IN LONDON, Tottenham Court Rd, W1: 11 Rev Ron F Allison.

CHELSEA METHODIST CHURCH, King's Road, SW3: 11 HC, Rev Dr G Lovell; 6 Mrs Adele Bird; 8 Youth Service, Rev M Hearn & Rev N Vigars.

HINDE STREET METHODIST CHURCH, W1: 10 HC, Donald Soper & Phil Hoar; 11 HC, Malcolm Rothwell; 6.30 Andrew Redfern.

KENSINGTON URC, Allen Street, W8: 11 & 6.30 Rev P Lovatt.

REGENT SQUARE URC (Presbyterian/Congregational), Tavistock Place, WC1: 11 Rev Dr R Scopes; 6.30 United service with Methodists.

SALVATION ARMY (Regent Hall), Oxford St W1: 11 & 6.30 Captain & Mrs E Harries.

ST ANDREW'S URC, Frognal Lane NW3: 11 Rev Dr P Morgan.

ST ANNE AND ST AGNES (Lutheran), Gresham St, EC2: 11 Choral HC, Rev R T England; 7 Choral Mass with Orchestra, Missa Brevis in F (Mozart), Church Sonatas in G & C, Rev W D Swanson.

ST JOHN'S WOOD URC, NW8: 11 Rev W C McCrorie.

WESLEY'S CHAPEL, City Road, EC1: 11 MS & HC, Rev Dr G E Barritt & Rev P Hulme.

WESTMINSTER CENTRAL HALL (Methodist), SW1: 11 Rev Dr R J Tudor; 6.30 Jane Ternent.

WESTMINSTER CHAPEL, Buckingham Gate SW1: 11, 6.30 Rev Dr R T Kendall.

WESTMINSTER MEETING SOCIETY OF FRIENDS (Quakers), 52 St Martins La WC2: 11, Meeting for worship.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr P.J. Hanson-Lowe and Miss C.G. Sleep
The engagement is announced between Patrick, younger son of Mr and Mrs D.B. Hanson-Lowe, of Chew Magna, Avon, and Caroline, daughter of Mr and Mrs H.G.L. Sleep, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr S.J. Harvey and Miss P.B. Shann
The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Mr R. Harvey and of Mrs M. Harvey, of Cyncoed, Cardiff, and Philippa, daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Shann, of Heswall, Wirral.

Mr H. Howard-Allen and Miss W.M. Lapworth
The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Mr and Mrs D. Howard-Allen, of Woodcote, Oxfordshire, and Wendy, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. Lapworth, of Leigh Sinton, Worcestershire.

Mr R.H.G. Linn and Miss A-M. Stovell
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. Linn, of Ditchling, Sussex, and Anna, twin daughter of Mr and Mrs J.P. Stovell, of Ruislip, Middlesex.

Mr R. Murton and Miss C. Barker
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs Donald Murton, of Wadhurst, Sussex, and Charlotte, daughter of Mr Ashley Barker, of Kensington, and Mrs Norman Bonham-Carter, of Ravenscourt Park, London.

Mr J.A.R. Preston and Miss M.N. Djurkovic
The engagement is announced between John, only son of the late Lieutenant-Commander D.A.G. Preston, Royal Navy, and of Mrs Alex Higson and stepson of Colonel Alex Higson, of Rockbourne, Hampshire, and Maria, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs George Djurkovic, of Harrow-on-the-Hill, Middlesex.

Mr N.J.D. Roberts and Miss L.L. Leesing
The engagement is announced between Neill John Davidson, son of Mr and Mrs Gerald Roberts, of Sunbury-on-Thames, Middlesex, and Louise, daughter of Mr and Mrs Grenville Leesing, of Desborough, Northamptonshire.

Mr A. Scott and Miss C. Delaney
The engagement is announced between Arthur, younger son of Mr and Mrs Bill Scott, of Churchtown, Dublin, Ireland, and Carmel, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Frank Delaney, of Julianstown, Co Meath, Ireland.

Marriage

Mr W.J. Norris and Miss E.A.W. Kilbourn
The marriage took place at Paleyrac, France, on June 15, between Walter John, only son of Mr and Mrs Walter Norris, of Coventry, and Elizabeth Ann Whateley, only daughter of Mr Donald Kilbourn and the late Mrs Sheila Kilbourn.

Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons

At the Council meeting of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons held immediately after yesterday's Annual General Meeting, Mr J.B. Walsby was elected President of the College.

The other officers for the ensuing year are Dr J.N. Lucke (Senior Vice-President), Mrs J.A. Macarthur Clark (Junior Vice-President) and Mr D.J. Thompson (Treasurer).

At the Annual General Meeting, Honorary Associateship of the Royal College was conferred upon Emeritus Professor Dr Valere Bienfet and Mrs Ailsa Blokland. Dr Joseph Gracey, Dr Gordon Scott and Mr Edmund Sullivan were elected Fellows of the College.

Dinner

Metropolitan Special Constabulary

The Commandants of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary held their annual dinner last night at New Scotland Yard. Mr Edgar Maybanks, chief commandant, accompanied by Mrs Maybanks, presided. Sir John and Lady Dellow were the principal guests. The Deputy Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police and Mrs Smith and the Assistant Commissioner Territorial Operations and Mrs Hunt were among others present.

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No more lying, then! Everyone must tell the truth to his fellow-believer, because we are all members together in the body of Christ.
Ephesians 4:25 GNB

BIRTHS

BIRRELL - On June 21st, to Debra (née Faulkner) and Duncan, a beautiful daughter, Rebecca Frances and a fine son, Daniel Jonathan, first grandchildren for proud grandparents Jean and Gordon and Kay and Bunny.

BOTHWELL - On June 24th, to Naomi (née Lutz) and Keith, a daughter, Eleanor Louise, a sister for Katy, Vanessa and Oliver.

DAWSON - On Wednesday June 12th, at Clinique de Montchoisi, Lausanne, to Christiane (née Thewes) and Paul, a daughter, Alexandra Amager, a sister for Inès and Alice.

de QUANT - On June 30th, to Sarah (née Baltman) and Paul, a son, Sebastian Johannes.

HISCOCK - On July 4th 1991, to Dee (née Forster) and Steve, a son, Dominic Sam Forster, a brother for Emma and Robert.

HOUSTON - On July 3rd, to Emma (née Parish) and Charlie, a son, Michael Charles Woodbine (Wellington Boot) a brother for Flossie Florenze. Very happy birthday to M.W.P.

JONES - On July 4th 1991, at Southmead Hospital, Bristol, to Elizabeth (née Farr) and William, a son, Benjamin Farr.

LAMB - On June 30th to Diana (née Guinness) and Richard, a daughter Rosie.

LANE FOX - On July 4th, at the Churchill Clinic, to Rachel and Nick, a daughter.

MORRIS - On July 3rd, to Annie (née FitzGerald) and Tim, a son, Christopher John Alexander.

MOYLETT - On July 1st 1991, London, to Lisa Stanford and Patrick Moylett, a son, Frederick Patrick Hamish.

SVIRSKY - On July 4th, at the Humana Hospital Wellington, to Orit and Asher, a son, Nathan.

WELLS - On June 29th to Sheida (née Farahmandafshar) and Stephen, a daughter, Fiona Zara Natalie. Grateful thanks to staff at Farnborough Hospital, Kent and St. Thomas' Hospital.

WHITEHEAD - On July 2nd, to Karin (née Pottinger) and Peter, a son, Ben Oliver Verdin.

YOUNG - On June 24th 1991, in Torquay, to Sally (née Bachelor) and Jolyon, formerly of Orpington, a son, William David.

MARRIAGES

BARBER:CHAMBRES - On June 28th, quietly in London, Roy Barber to Joan Chambres.

RUBY ANNIVERSARIES

MORLEY-JOHN:MAJENDIE - On July 7th 1951 at St Michaels, Chester Square, Michael to Sheila, now at Milford-on-Sea.

DEATHS

ATKINSON - On July 4th, 1991, Sophia Patricia "Jill" (née Lowis), aged 86 years, of Meynell Langley, Derby. Funeral Monday, July 15th, service & burial at St. Michael's Church, Kirk Langley, at 2.30pm. Enquiries to W. Jones & Son. Tel: 0335 60319

BULLEN - On July 3rd 1991, Group Captain Paul Gillespie Bullen RAF (Rtd) devoted and loving husband of Heather, and much loved father of Fenella, Michael and Jamie. Funeral private. Donations if desired to the RAF Benevolent Fund.

CAESAR - On July 1st 1991 at Bristol, Aileen Christine widow of Richard Dinley (Dick) Caesar. Requiem mass at St. Joseph's, Weston-Super-Mare, Avon on Tuesday July 9th at 11.00am. Family flowers only donations in lieu to St. Peter's hospice, Bristol or St. Margaret's hospice, Taunton. Burial at Weston-Super-Mare cemetery.

CLARK - On July 4th on his 84th birthday John Stuart at Porthgwarra Nursing Home, Coverack after a long illness bravely borne. Loving husband of Jane and much loved father of Nigel and Gillie. Funeral at St. Anthony in Meneage, Cornwall at 2.30pm July 12th. Family flowers only, donations if wished to the R.N.L.I.

CREGAN - On July 1st 1991, suddenly after a heart attack, John Grattan. Much loved husband of Barbara and devoted father of Amanda, Shaun and grandfather to Edward. Son of the late Dr. G. T. Cregan and of Mrs Cregan. Funeral service at All Saints' Church, Fulham (Putney Bridge) at 2.00 pm, Wednesday July 10th. Family flowers only please, but donations, if desired, to R.N.L.I., West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset in memory of John Cregan. All enquiries to J. H. Kenyon. 071-937 0757.

GLOVER - On July 3rd, peacefully at home in Salisbury, Barbara, born 12.8.14. For many years secretary, and for the last two years president of the Keeshond club. Cremation private. Memorial service in the autumn. No flowers. Donations please to Salisbury Hospice Care Trust, c/o I.N. Newman, 55 Winchester Street, Salisbury, Wilts.

GORDON - On July 3rd 1991, Francis Reginald aged 75 years of Pipe Aston, Ludlow. Beloved husband of Anthea, loving father of Hilary, Hugh, Ian, grandfather of Claire, Olivia And Emma.

McGOVERN - On July 3rd, Damien, peacefully at home in Portaferry Co. Down.

RUTLAND - On July 4th, peacefully at home in Jamaica after a long illness, Francis Edmund. Much loved and missed by family and friends.

SMITH - On July 3rd at Blandford Hospital, Edgar Charles (Charles), aged 86 years, of Bush Cottage, Marnhull. Dearly loved husband of Carmen, father of Colin. The funeral service will be held at the Church of St. Margaret, Margaret Marsh, near Shaftesbury at 3pm on Monday July 8th. Flowers may be sent to Bracher Brothers Ltd., Gillingham, Dorset. Tel: (0747) 822494.

VAN DEN BERGH - On July 3rd 1991, peacefully at home, Betty aged 81, beloved wife of the late Jimmy and much loved mother, grandmother and great grandmother. Funeral at Guildford Crematorium on Tuesday 9th July, at 2.30 pm. No flowers please but donations if desired to the St.Marylebone Housing Association, 16 Ashmill St, London NW1

IN MEMORIAM – PRIVATE

BARKER - Arthur. In loving memory of my darling husband who gave me 50 years of complete happiness. May he rest in peace. Inez.

BLACKBURN-HAMILTON - W.K. (Billy) died July 6th 1988. May you have found the peace that passeth all understanding Papa, I miss you always, all is well. Ikey.

FORD - V.D. Commander R.D. R.N.R. 6th July 1990. In everloving memory of dear Neal, forever in our thoughts. Rita and Vivienne.

JENNINGS - Allan, remembered always with love on his birthday July 7th. Roy.

KENYON - Geoffrey, who died 6 July 1983, is remembered this day and every day with love and gratitude.

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Answers from page 24

SITULA
(c) Any of various bucket-shaped vessels, archaeological, from the Latin for bucket: "An early example of the situla or bronze bucket for which Bologna no less than Este was to become famous in future years."

POGGE
(b) The armed bullhead, *Cottus cataphractus*, having a broad flat head and sharply tapering body, armed with spines and bony plates, orig. obsc.: "The pogge is about two hands breadth in length, and very common on most coasts."

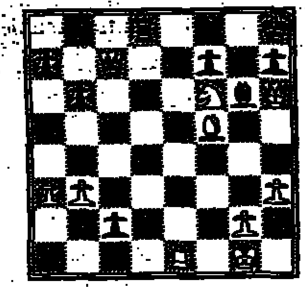
DRAMMOCK
(b) Meal and water mixed in a raw state, cf. Gaelic *drama*g foul mixture, raw porridge: "The lifeless, saltless, foisonless, lukewarm drammock of the fourteen false prelates."

TOISEACH
(b) A personage or officer of the third rank in ancient Celtic Scotland, corresponding generally to the later chief of a clan, from the Gaelic *toiseach* lord: "The Celtic toiseachs took their corresponding place as chiefs of clans."

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent

Z. Polgar — Yudasin, Munich 1991. White found a way to force immediate resignation. Can you see how?

Send your answer on a postcard with your name and address to: *The Times*, 1 Pennington Street, London E1 9XN. The first three correct answers drawn on Thursday next week will win a Batsford chess book. The answer and the winners will be printed next Saturday.



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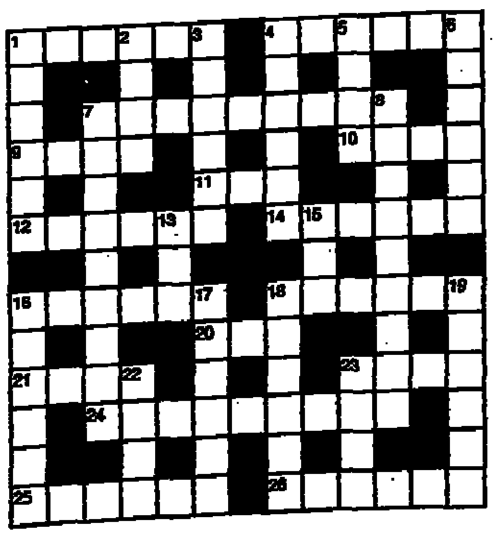

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1 Bordeaux wine (8)
4 Hoist (4,2)
7 Evidence (9)
9 Recompensed (4)
10 Depressed (4)
11 Negative (3)
12 Fashionable (6)
14 Thin (6)
16 Downgrade (6)
18 Vigour (6)
20 French lake (3)
21 Route (4)
23 4,840 sq yards (4)
24 Injured feelings (4,5)
25 Coloured (6)
26 Realm (6)

DOWN
1 Rug (6)
2 Thatch grass (4)
3 Arms, legs spasms (6)
4 Bounds (6)
5 Supply (4)
6 Gambol (6)
7 Early biplane (5,4)
8 Address to duke (4,5)
13 Speck (3)
15 Fruit seed (3)
16 Leave (6)
17 Thrilled (6)
18 Got goal (6)
19 Skull cutter (6)
22 Dangled (4)
23 First man (4)

SOLUTION TO NO 2526
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DOWN: 1 Low 2 Airport 3 Load 5 Fuselage 6 Abort 7 Reconvene 8 Shakespeare 11 Think tank 13 Farewell 15 Niagara 17 Drift 19 Ante 22 Kir

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

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BIRTHDAYS

ELIZABETH RANFT of Birkbeck College and the V.and A. is 21 on July 7th. A Happy Birthday from her family and friends.

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CHANCERY DIVISION
MR. REGISTRAR SCOTT
IN THE MATTER OF MERCHANT MANUFACTORY ESTATE COMPANY PLC
And
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by an Order dated the 3rd July, 1991 made in the above matters the Court has directed separate Meetings to be convened of the holders of (1) the Ordinary Shares (2) the 'A' Ordinary Shares and (3) the General Creditors (as defined in the Scheme of Arrangement hereinafter mentioned) of the above named Merchant Manufactory Estate Company PLC (hereinafter called "the Company") for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, approving (with or without modification) a Scheme of Arrangement proposed to be made between the Company and the holders of its said respective classes of shares and creditors and that such Meetings will be held on 25th July 1991 at the General Council of British Shipping 30/32 St. Mary Axe, London EC4A 8ET at the respective times mentioned below, namely:
1. the Meeting of the holders of the Ordinary Shares at 10.30 o'clock in the morning (or so soon thereafter as the Annual General Meeting of the Company convened for 10.30 am shall have been concluded or adjourned).
2. the Meeting of the holders of the 'A' Ordinary Shares at 10.30 o'clock in the morning (or so soon thereafter as the preceding meeting shall have been concluded or adjourned).
3. the Meeting of the General Creditors at 10.30 o'clock in the morning (or so soon thereafter as the preceding meeting shall have been concluded or adjourned) at which place and respective times all the aforesaid Shareholders and General Creditors are requested to attend.

Any person entitled to attend the said Meetings can obtain copies of the said Scheme of Arrangement, forms of proxy and copies of the Statement required to be furnished pursuant to Section 426 of the above mentioned Act at the registered office of the company situate at Cologne House, 13 Haydon Street, London EC3N 1DB and at the office of the undermentioned Solicitors at the address mentioned below during usual business hours on any day (other than a Saturday or Sunday) prior to the day appointed for the said Meetings.

The said Shareholders and General Creditors may vote in person at such of the said Meetings as they are entitled to attend or they may appoint another person, whether a member or creditor of the Company or not, as their proxy to attend and vote in their stead.

In the case of joint holders of shares, the vote of the senior who tenders a vote, whether in person or by proxy, will be accepted to the exclusion of the votes of the other joint holders of shares and for this purpose seniority will be determined by the order in which the names stand in the Register of Members as the case may be of the Company in respect of the joint holding.

It is requested that forms appointing proxies be lodged with the Registrars of the Company, Stenitford Close Registrars Limited of Broseley House, Newlands Drive, Witham, Essex CM8 2VL not less than 48 hours before the time appointed for the said Meetings but if forms are not so lodged they may be handed to the Chairman of the Meeting at which they are to be used.

By the said Order the Court has appointed John Adams or failing him Philip Lovegrove or failing him Christopher Mills to act as Chairman of each of the said Meetings and has directed the Chairman to report the results thereof respectively to the Court.

The said Scheme of Arrangement will be subject to the subsequent approval of the Court.
Dated this 6th day of July 1991
Ashurst Morris Crisp
Broadwalk House
5 Appold Street
London EC2A 2HA
Solicitors to Merchant Manufactory Estate Company PLC

No. 006890 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF MEDIAL UK LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 6th June 1991 presented to her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £20,000,000 to £11,000,000 by returning capital which is in excess of the wants of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before The Honourable Mr. Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday the 15th day of July 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 6th day of July 1991.
Wilde Sapte,
of Queensbridge House,
60 Upper Thames Street,
London, EC4V 3BD.
Tel: 071-236-3050
Ref: AXM/L20001&ADV
Solicitors for the above named Company

No. 006562 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF BRITISH THORNTON HOLDINGS PLC
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 5th June 1991 present to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of
1. the reduction of the capital of the above named Company from £2,000,000 to £1,200,000 and
2. the reduction of the share premium account of the Company by £671,301

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 15th day of July 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of capital and of Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
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CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF CATER ALLEN SYNDICATE MANAGEMENT LIMITED
AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 20th June 1991 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the Share Premium Account of the above-named Company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday the 22nd day of July 1991.

ANY Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of the hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 6th day of July 1991
Manches & Co
Aldwych House
71/91 Aldwych
London WC2B 4RP
Tel: 071 404 4433
Ref: SM/ndp/5042/3
Solicitors for the above named Company

NO. 005633 of 1991
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF SWISS PIONEER LIFE PLC
- and -
IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 6th June 1991 presented to her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the sum standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above-named company.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Mervyn Davies at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL on Monday the 22nd day of July 1991.

Any creditor or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.
DATED this 4th day of July 1991
Alsop Wilkinson
of 701, India Buildings, Water Street, Liverpool. L2 0NH
Solicitors for the above-named Company
Ref:DHM/JMLB/tel:051 227 3060

ON THIS DAY

JULY 6 1921

Earlier this year another distinguished cricketer, but not faced by the same financial problems, R. E. S. Wyatt, also celebrated his 90th birthday at Lord's. Canon Theobald survived into his 99th year, becoming in the words of Wisden, *the oldest living Wykehamist.*

AT LORD'S ON HIS 90TH BIRTHDAY

The first day of the University match of 1921 should always be memorable for the attendance of Canon Charles Theobald. He celebrated his 90th birthday on the opening day of the match which he so nearly played in some 70 years ago. The Canon can see the ball as it is delivered and as it is played, even now. He is still Rector of Lasham, Alton, Hants, and is still a terrific worker. He is a rural dean, a magistrate, Chairman of the Board of Guardians, and member of the Rural District Council. He is known in Hampshire as the greatest judge of a horse within 30 miles.

A piece of cruel bad luck prevented his playing [for Winchester] against either Eton or Harrow. Theobald, seeing his brother in danger of drowning in the Itchen, jumped in with all his clothes on except his coat and his boots. In spite of the fact that he cut the sole of his foot badly on a broken bottle, he succeeded in getting his brother out. He was bound up and driven back to the school but could not put that foot to the ground for six weeks.

Canon Theobald did not get his "Blue" at Oxford. In those days it was a *sine qua non* that a University player should be a member of the Magdalen club. Theobald could not afford it. He was one of a family of 16 and his father would not extend the money. Later he played for Hampshire against the All-England XI. He never professed to bowl; but he was a fine batsman, considering the small experience of great cricket that he had — and a most brilliant fielder. The astonishing catch with which he caught George Parr has been wrongly described. It has been said that Day — the greatest Hampshire bowler of his time — placed Theobald "by that piece of paper, and the ball will drop into your mouth". This is not accurate. Theobald was almost hidden in the crowd, who were infringing on the ground as they used to do, and he had to run round them and make 10 yards to get his left hand to the ball. The catch was made when the fielder was going full pace, and was only a couple of feet from the ground. Theobald felt the bruise on his hand for over a year.

In Canon Theobald's early days the rule of bowling was below the shoulder, and umpires enforced it very strictly. It is said that W. G. Grace learned "half-arm" bowling from his mother. Canon Theobald, however, puts it down to the great Alfred Mynn who was very many years the senior of "W G". He contends that Alfred Mynn, compelling his *sister* to bowl to him in the garden at home, was deceived in the flight of the ball. A woman of that day, wearing a crinoline, could not possibly bowl a "straight" underhand ball, but had to clear the encumbrance to deliver the ball at all. Hence the "half-arm", or the "half-cock" ball.

Canon Theobald was asked to play for the United England side, but no expenses were paid at the time, and without expenses he could not afford to play. He was offered talent money for the runs he made.

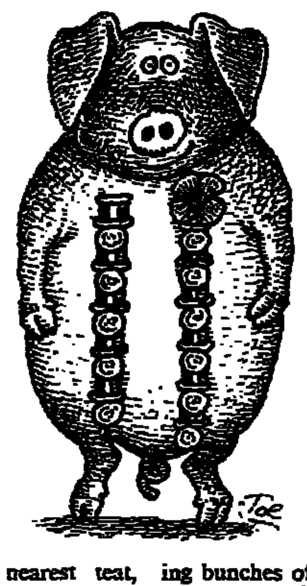
Farmer's diary: Paul Heiney

Heroic Alice's finest hour

MY FIELD of barley is awash with crimson poppies, and a joy to behold. I suspect that as a farmer I should view this as some kind of failure: I know a chap who let a field go fallow one year and the result was a display of poppies so vivid that people came from miles around to see it. He was very embarrassed. Having spent years employing chemicals and technology to control his weeds he felt he deserved more than to have the hardy poppy thumb its nose at him.

But it is not the poppies' powers of survival that have endeared them to me recently: they are also the symbol of remembrance and gallantry, for which this has been a fortnight I shall never forget.

The drama started at midnight on the longest day of the year. Just as I was getting into bed, I heard a squeal from the pigsty, so faint that it might have been a slight movement of a rusty hinge: except that it had a blend of bewilderment and frustration which I have learnt to recognise as the alarm call of the newly born piglet. Alice, the Large Black sow, already a mother of 25, was at it again.



She rarely makes a mistake in giving birth, so I was slightly concerned at the whimpering. Generally speaking, you can bet that no sooner are piglets born than they set off purposefully for the nearest teat, which they find with hardly any trouble. But one flash of the torch into the dark sty revealed Alice's major miscalculation. No doubt in order to enjoy the cooling breeze around her rear end while at the same time giving her snout the inner warmth of the sty, she had plonked herself down in the doorway. It is quite a wide door, but she is a very wide pig and consequently when the newly born set off in search of something to suck they found themselves impeded by a firmly wedged Alice. It was like expecting babies to cross the Black Mountains for their first taste of mother.

I employed a technique not used in obstetrics in this country for some time, and shouted, "Get up you daft bitch!" So shocked was this grand dame at being addressed in such a manner that she heaved herself to her feet, ambled inside, and settled down again without even bothering to give me a grunt. That pig has a withering way with her silences.

Next morning we had 11 piglets and a big problem. Alice had one teat the size of a cricket ball, and just as hard. It felt hot and looked tender. The vet confirmed infection and warned that other teats might be suspect, too. He gave her an antibiotic but doubted whether Alice would be able to feed her litter. Only nine teats among 11 piglets spells trouble. Kindly, although it was a weekend, the vet drove off to find us a sack of "Sow Milk Replacer". But when I saw the gloomy package and its list of contents, it read like a food additives horror story. It had antibiotics, growth promoters and a sinister ingredient described as being "denatured according to EC regulations" (aren't we all?).

I am not against giving drugs to animals to cure or to save life, but I hardly felt these healthy, hungry piglets deserved a pharmaceutical belt round the ear at this early stage in their lives. So I discussed it with my wife, and we came to the conclusion that Alice might conceivably hold the solution to her own problem. We went back to the sty and told the old sow that we were placing our full trust in her.

But we didn't abandon her. We paid hourly visits, sometimes bringing bunches of fresh clover from the meadow, like relatives visiting the sick. Under the influence of her medication, poor Alice was clearly under the weather. She didn't move much except to eat, and then with only half an appetite. As for the piglets, we expected one morning to find two of them dead and some kind of natural selection to have taken place. Alice would know best.

But a week later, all 11 are thriving. I do not know how she has done it; perhaps she has devised some intricate rota system, for none looks underfed or sickly. When my wife had a fit of panic and decided to bottle-feed the smallest, it resisted arrest and spat out the teat.

Alice, too, has regained her strength. She is a heroine, whose determination has seen her litter through. Whatever happens now, it has been an act of bravery, and every year when the poppies are in flower, we shall remember.

Green grows my roof-oh

Heather Strange is planning a roof garden with a difference: her home extension will be completely covered with turf. Will the idea grow? **Heather Kirby** reports

For most of us, mowing the lawn means walking slowly behind a machine in more or less straight lines until the job is done. For Heather Strange, however, it could be an altogether more complicated chore, as the grass she has to cut will be on her roof.

Ms Strange, after getting planning permission from the South Shropshire district council, plans to build a single-storey extension to her old stone cottage and to give it a turf roof. She already has grass growing on her barn roof, and tat has proved to be perfectly satisfactory. In fact, she planted some crocus bulbs in it and they thrived.

Getting permission for a turf roof was quite difficult, she says, because the chairman of the local planning committee thought it a bit odd.

"Turf roofs are not uncommon in Sweden, and in medieval times there were turf houses, wooden frames filled with clods of earth instead of bricks or blocks. I produced about 90 photographs, as well as an artist's impression, and very detailed plans of what I proposed doing in order to convince the committee that a turf roof is really quite a sensible idea.

"When they first heard about it, the local planners said: 'We can't have that.' But once I explained how a turf roof works and produced some evidence from the Centre for Alternative Technology in North Wales, they were happy.

"A turf roof is ecologically friendly; you save on energy because it keeps the rooms below warmer than a conventional roof and it fits nicely into the rural scene. Also, unlike slates, it is not going to blow off in the horrendous winds we get around here."

She describes "around here" as "Mary Webb country", dreary, heavy rural Shropshire. "Traditionally this was a mining area, right back to Roman times, and we are constantly getting companies such as RTZ coming to test the temperature, to see how people feel about them moving in and digging everything up to search for zinc and cadmium. We have heather-covered hills with great piles of granite sticking out which are what give the place its name, Stiperstones.

"This is an area of outstanding natural beauty, one of the reasons I had difficulty getting my project approved and why I had to go to great lengths to show I was not contravening their guidelines for buildings in the area. These aim at maintaining traditional stone cottages but that doesn't happen really. No one can afford to build in stone so they build in blocks then paint it white."

Ms Strange, aged 52, a former infant school teacher in London and the southeast until she moved to Shropshire five years ago, now practises acupuncture and Chinese herbalism.

She has two acres on which she keeps a goat and hens and grows her own vegetables, although the herbs she uses for her alternative medicine come mostly from Japan and America. "I am semi self-sufficient and use organic methods which is something I have been interested in for 30 years at least; I am not jumping on any bandwagon.

"My cottage has been described as 200 years old but I have no idea how old it really is. I have only one room up and one down, although they are both biggish, but I love my cottage the way it is. I even have honeysuckle growing round the door, so I am extending it in a way that will become part of the background, using a traditional wood-clad technique."

The extension will be mostly a self-build project, she says, although she has learnt from experience that some of the heavy jobs will have to be contracted out. A gardener will not be necessary as the roof is going to be low-pitch, only a 15-degree angle, so she does not envisage any problems looking after it. Nor will it let in rain, as one of the planning stipulations is that there should be a waterproof lining, much like a rubberoid pond liner, under the four to six inches of turf, which she will buy from ads in the local newspaper.

"That also means I will not have to worry about worms coming through, and I don't think I will be troubled by field mice, as it is rather high up for them. And if it is not, I have cats who will no doubt be interested.

"If the grass gets too long I will climb up and cut it, using a scythe or a strimmer, but I don't believe I will need to. I will probably just let it grow. If we get a dry spell it will turn yellow; that is one of the attractive things about having a turf roof, it changes colour according to the season.

"I think they should introduce turf roofs into inner cities where the people have hardly any green. It would really improve the environment."

BARRY GREENWOOD

Under cover: Heather Strange and an experimental turf roof on a shed in her Shropshire garden

Country events

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **Fire show spectacular:** Vintage and modern fire engines and appliances, custom cars, craft fair and arena events.
All England Jumping Course, Hickstead, West Sussex. Today, tomorrow. 10am-6pm. £3, accompanied child free.

☐ **Reptile revels:** Frogs, lizards, toads and snakes — all can be seen at close quarters.
Wildfowl Trust, Martin Mere, Ormskirk, Lancashire (0704 895181). Today, tomorrow, 9.30am. £3, children £1.50.

☐ **Let's Do It:** Touring tribute to Cole Porter starring Paul Jones and Elaine Delmar. Tonight at Arlington, tomorrow at Polesden Lacey, where the annual country fair takes place during the day.
Arlington Court, near Barnstaple, Devon (booking 0271 850296). Polesden I ey, near Dorking, Surrey (0 2 458203).

☐ **National patchwork championships:** Quilts, wall hangings, fabric stalls, information and advice.
Hatfield House, Herts. Until Tues. £3.80, children £1.50.

NEXT WEEK

☐ **Open-air Shakespeare:** The Cygnet Theatre's *As You Like It*, overlooking the Fal estuary.
Trelissick Garden, Feock, near Truro, Cornwall. Fri and Sat. Booking on 0872 862090.

☐ **Music by moonlight:** Edwardian musical extravaganza with fireworks. Wear period costume if you wish, take a picnic and rug.
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Tweets at the supermarket

Feather report

"I'LL just put you on hold." Oh no: here it comes again: "*Tum* titumtum, *tum* titumtum . . ." Another quick fix of Vivaldi. *The Four Seasons* has become the musical wallpaper of the world. It follows you into upmarket pubs and downmarket restaurants: a charming piece of music has become something that drives you to screaming point.

For musicians, it is a torture: they cannot *not* listen to it. The rest of us acquire the reprehensible habit of editing out Vivaldi as white noise.

Play the dawn chorus at the supermarket for an instant improvement in quality

What has all this to do with birds? The answer is birdsong: at least, so Duncan MacDonald tells me. He runs a company called Bird Recording Services, and believes that the background music problem can be solved by the substitution of birdsong. He offers a relatively new departure in birdsong recordings: the CD. The range includes aids to identification and a number of discs that are a simple concert of birds. The French are on the leading edge of this breakthrough for Western civilisation: high time they made a contribution.

The identification discs are selling well in Britain, less well in France. The reverse is true of the "atmosphere" discs. "They create a perfect, laid-back atmosphere in French cafés that use them," Mr MacDonald says. "And I've noticed when I have played them at country shows that children stop crying when they come to my tent."

Now there's a notion: play the Maytime dawn chorus at supermarkets for an instant improvement in the quality of life. No more "Wayne, shut-up you little bleeder" and "Be good or Hortense won't give you any quiche tonight". Everyone, adult and child, will be calm, seraphic, won over by the song of the nightingale.

Birdsong is not spoilt if you come in at the middle. Birdsong is not soiled by repetition; constant repetition is part of the point of a bird's territorial acclamation. Birdsong is resented only by insomniacs and drunks, which makes it tough on my profession, but fine for everybody else.

CDs are perfect for bird song. The four-disc identification set has 396 species, 99 on each disc. You can find them at once, without needing to spool through, like Krapp, and without a po-faced voice announcing the species, a necessary evil of tapes.

CD clarity is a bonus. Every nuance, from the basso reverberation of bittern to the ear-baffling squeak of treecreeper, is pin-sharp. Nor do the recordings call it a day with the cock's springtime song: alarm calls, contact calls and variations are all packed in. The notoriously variable great tit gets a full three minutes. This is a great reference work.

Mr MacDonald says the atmosphere tapes are the perfect background to social gatherings. I tried the experiment at an impromptu gathering in darkest Hertfordshire, with a CD of sounds from the African bush: strange birds and occasional interventions from stranger mammals. This would have been a great success were I not a confirmed Africa bore: I kept interrupting with shouts of "Lion!" and "Hear the collared barbet".

I have yet to try the dawn chorus disc *Birds Awakening* in company. For some reason nobody has come to visit since the African evening. But that one has become a firm favourite with my cats. They look forward to a CD of mice, voles and shrews.

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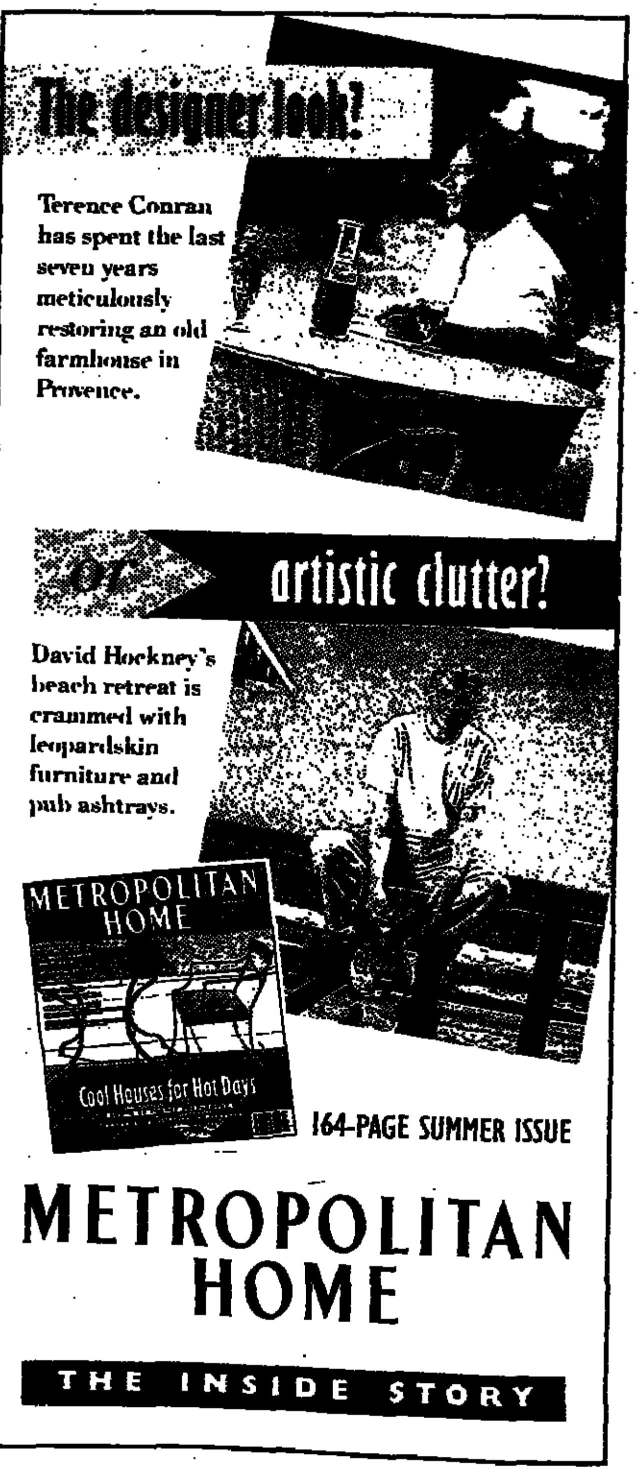

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Welcome, in any language

Pensioners are learning Russian as Sheffield's Spirit of '91 lifts off

Placed around the tidy bungalow home of pensioners Charlotte and Reg Ellis are one-word signs, neatly written in the Russian they learnt at night class. They are attached to room doors and to such everyday objects as the telephone and mirror.

The couple are preparing for two special guests, young members of the Soviet circus group Clown, Clown, Clown, which is performing in the World Student Games festival, the Spirit of '91, in Sheffield this month. Karen Vardanyan, aged 18, and Artack Arutyunyan, 20, will live for a week at the three-bedroom bungalow at Sothall, on the city's outskirts.

"I feel it is essential for them to have a comfortable home base," says Mr Ellis, aged 70, a retired trade union official. "Their first impressions are the ones they will take home."

The Ellises, members of Sheffield's Kruzhok, the link organisation with their Russian twin town of Donetsk, are among 150 families who have volunteered to offer bed and breakfast to 360 festival performers from around the world. In all, 7,500 volunteers have registered to help run the games, which open on July 14.

The Ellises are already planning menus for their guests, who arrive on July 19 — "I have a Russian cookbook," Mrs Ellis says — as well as trips into the Derbyshire countryside and to the coast, and a farewell celebration for the entire 23-strong Russian party a week later. Mrs Ellis, who was one of 100 delegates from Britain to attend the Women's International Democratic Federation conference in Moscow in 1987, is planning a cake with the Union Jack and the Soviet flag on it.

Mr Ellis, who has been studying Russian for four months at evening classes, is hoping to practise his language skills on his guests. He and his wife are also secretly hoping that the Russians may agree to show off a few of their circus skills to some of the neighbours in the bungalow's garden.

This weekend, as the games village opens for the first of the 6,000 athletes arriving from more than 100 countries, 500 volunteer "attachés" will attend their final training session.

Ruth Wilson, a former lecturer, is the volunteer agency co-ordinator, responsible for filling the thousands of vacancies for attachés, drivers, doctors, physiotherapists, games village staff, stewards, and participants in the opening ceremony. "We were looking for language skills and a knowledge of the various sports for some jobs," she says. "The response has been superb, although we're still looking for volunteers who can speak Czech, Romanian, Bulgarian and Hungarian."

> *'We need volunteers to speak Czech, Romanian, Bulgarian and Hungarian'*

The attachés, the only volunteers who will be living within the games village, are there as "gofers". "If athletes want a newspaper, want to book an extra training session, want to go out to eat, need a racket restringing, they will arrange it," Ms Wilson says. Dan Metcalfe, aged 21, the son of the former athlete Adrian Metcalfe, is in charge of the attachés.

Paula Pugh, aged 27, who spent four years at teacher training college in Sheffield, will be the Turkish volleyball team's attaché. "It's going to be absolutely fantastic," she says. When Ms Pugh, who lived in Iran for 18 years, volunteered her Persian language skills coupled with a good knowledge of volleyball, she was originally assigned to an Iranian volleyball team: "Then we realised they were a male team who would not accept a female attaché."

LYNNE GREENWOOD

From Sheffield with love: Charlotte and Reg Ellis get set

Lizzie's Oak is dead: long live the tree

Salt pollution and neglect are killing our urban trees. How can we save them? Liz Gill reports

Arboriculturists this week bowed to the inevitable and accepted the *demise* of one of Britain's most famous trees. Queen Elizabeth's oak, which toppled over on Tuesday night after more than 700 years in Greenwich Park, is to be sawn up for souvenirs, and possibly furniture.

Less celebrated trees disappear regularly from cityscapes, but although there may be little to mark their passing the decision to get rid of one is rarely taken lightly.

Peter Holloway, a senior arboricultural officer with London's Westminster council, which has 6,000 street trees, says there eventually comes a point when a decision has to be made about a tree's future. "You have to decide what you mean by useful life," he says. "If it is an unusual or particularly fine example you might go to more trouble to keep it. We have a very old Indian bean on Victoria Embankment which has to be supported, but it is a very good example of that species. If you had a dying tree overhanging a road or a children's playground, that would not be an acceptable risk."

Compared with the national average — a Liverpool university survey put the first-year survival rate for trees at about 50 per cent in many places — Westminster does well. Mr Holloway says 95 per cent of its new trees (more than half of which are planes) survive, mainly because it starts off with good specimens.

Lizzie's Oak at Greenwich was protected as befitted its age and importance. Usually, urban trees must contend with an environment that is always hazardous, and sometimes downright hostile.

"There are an awful lot of stresses on trees," says Dr Martin Dobson, the scientific officer with the Forestry Commission research division. Dr Dobson is the author of a report on the use of de-icing salts on British roads and its dangers for town trees. One of the most dramatic illustrations of the effects can be seen in the heart of the capital. Keeping Trafalgar Square clear through the worst of winter has left a summer legacy of trees that are either leafless or obviously ailing. Trees along the Embankment have been similarly affected.

But salt is only the latest in a catalogue of woes which can turn what should be amenities into liabilities. Trees planted on grass verges are frequently the victims of carelessly used cutters or strimmers: damage to the bark makes the tree prone to infection and can damage the vessels that carry nutrients.

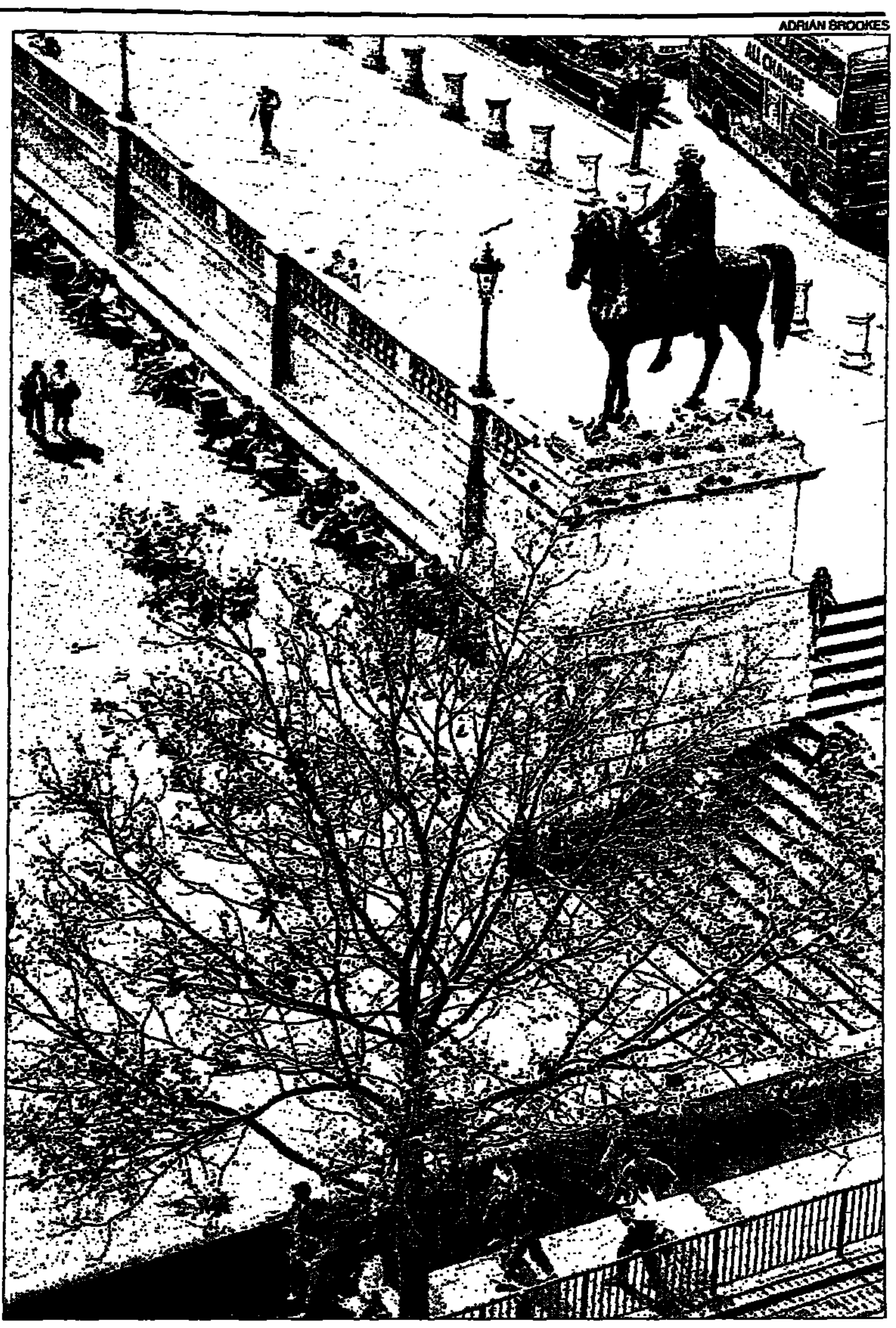
Concerned citizens, Dr Dobson says, should keep an eye on their local trees for acts of vandalism or signs that the tree is in trouble and contact their tree warden or local council. Loosening tight stake ties would help a tree, as would watering it in dry spells. But he advises against amateur pruning or fertilising.

Careless use of weedkillers in private gardens can spread to trees nearby, and DIY building of walls or house extensions can damage roots, which may extend underground for up to three times the tree's height. Such destruction is usually unintentional, although residents angered by a specimen that blocks their light have been known to carry out their own tree surgery. If a tree has a preservation order on it, offenders could be fined three times its value.

One survey of urban trees estimated that the average lifespan was only ten years, but that figure, Dr Dobson says, was mainly due to heavy losses in the first couple of years. "A tree which gets established can live to a ripe old age," he says. "Oaks, limes, horse-chestnuts and planes, for instance, may survive 200 years if well maintained."

Salting, which has been abandoned in some German and American cities, remains a threat here. "What happens is that it is washed off the road, goes down into the rooting area and is then taken up by the tree and transported to its crown. The chloride in salt is toxic to trees. The leaves either wilt almost as soon as they come out, or they mature but turn brown around the end of May so that the tree looks autumnal.

"After the bad winter of 1986-87, virtually all the trees in Trafalgar Square, which were 20 or 30 years old, were lost and had to be replaced. There were only two mature ones left and after this last winter these are looking poorly. And the younger trees, which were replacements, have no leaves at all." Other towns and cities, he says, have been similarly affected, particularly those in the Midlands and eastern regions, which had the worst of the weather.



ADRIAN BROOKES

Summer sorrow: one of the leafless victims of winter road salting in Trafalgar Square, photographed this week

Sluicing away the salt and applying gypsum to the soil, along with potassium and phosphate fertilisers, can minimise the damage but such action must be immediate: it is too late now. For the future, Dr Dobson says, there are several alternatives to salting, including grit or calcium magnesium acetate, but this is 20 times as expensive.

According to Bill Matthews, the managing director of Southern Tree Surgeons, another great danger to the urban tree is over-reliance on one species.

This is partly what has rendered the London plane so susceptible to the fungus anthracnose, which makes the leaves shrivel and fall. "It seems particularly bad this year. It likes damp conditions," Mr Matthews says. "And if you have a lot of one type of tree it just multiplies. Ideally you should never have more than 10 per cent of any one species in your overall number."

Calls to plant only British trees leave him unmoved. "Even the experts are hard-pressed to say exactly which are the native species. It seems silly to niggle if you have got a splendid foreign tree which thrives here." The Norway maple is the most popular choice in this country for urban planting.

Neglect, Dr Dobson believes, is still the biggest problem. "You often get a budget for buying trees but none for maintenance when, in fact, you should allow the same amount for that."

Events in town

THIS WEEKEND

☐ **City of London festival:** More than 200 events in 50 venues, including St Paul's and Southwark cathedrals, Guildhall and the Mansion House, ranging from classical concerts to jazz, poetry readings, platform performances, forums, dance, walks and fringe entertainment.
City of London, tomorrow until July 24. Details from box office (071-377 0540).

☐ **River carnival and raft race:** Decorated boats, stalls and entertainers.
River Dee, Chester.
Tomorrow, from 11.15am.

☐ **Festival of the Air:** The largest kite festival in Europe, with spectacular aerial displays of stunt, fighting and team kites, plus competitions, exhibitions, craft market, fringe entertainment and refreshments including Japanese food.
Northern Area Playing Fields, Washington, Tyne-and-Wear. Today, tomorrow, 10.30am-4.30pm. Free.

☐ **Carnival:** Family day with displays, exhibitions, competitions, crafts, entertainers and children's activities.
South Park, Oxford.
Tomorrow, 2-6pm.

☐ **Cathedral festival:** Sculpture, angling exhibition (Sir Izaak Walton is buried here), embroidery and calligraphy in the cathedral. Paintings and a photographic exhibition in the deanery. A craft marquee with items for sale and a number of craft demonstrations including stone masonry in the close.
Winchester cathedral, Hampshire. Today, tomorrow 10am-5pm. Cathedral exhibition until Fri. Further information on 0962 863933.

Festival time at Winchester

NEXT WEEK

☐ **International music show:** The largest music exhibition in the UK, with an extensive range of equipment, printed music, accessories and instruments on display, and opportunities to try out many of the models.
Olympia, London W14. Fri-Sun, 9.30am-6.30pm. £6, children £3.

☐ **Royal Tournament:** Displays of strength, skills and pageantry by the armed forces.
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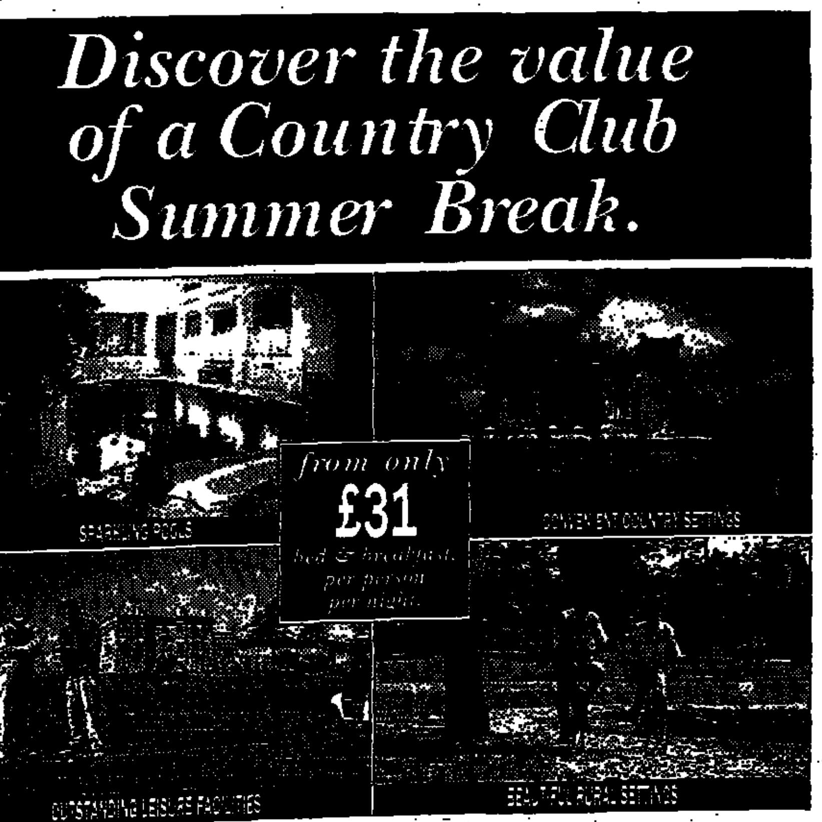

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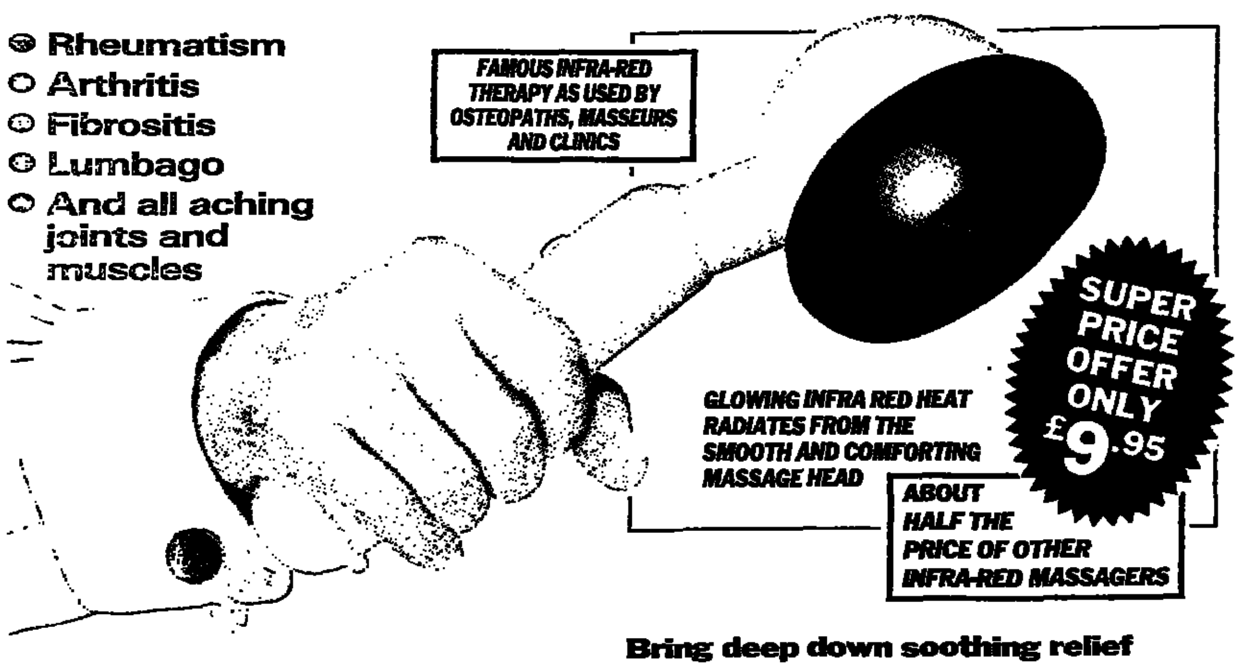
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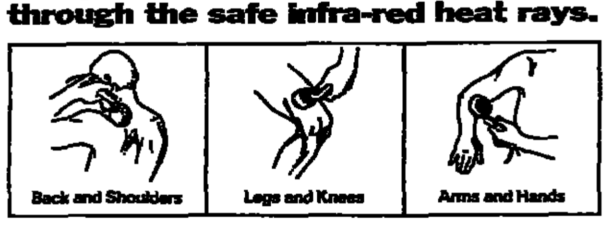

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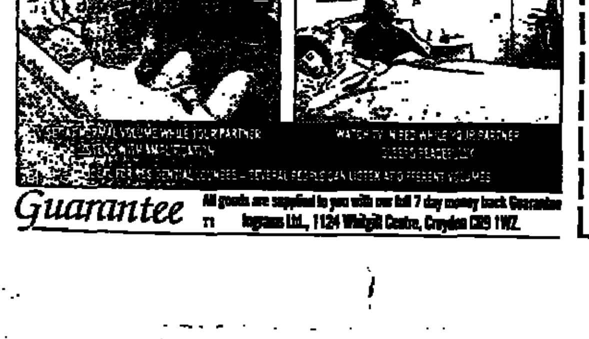

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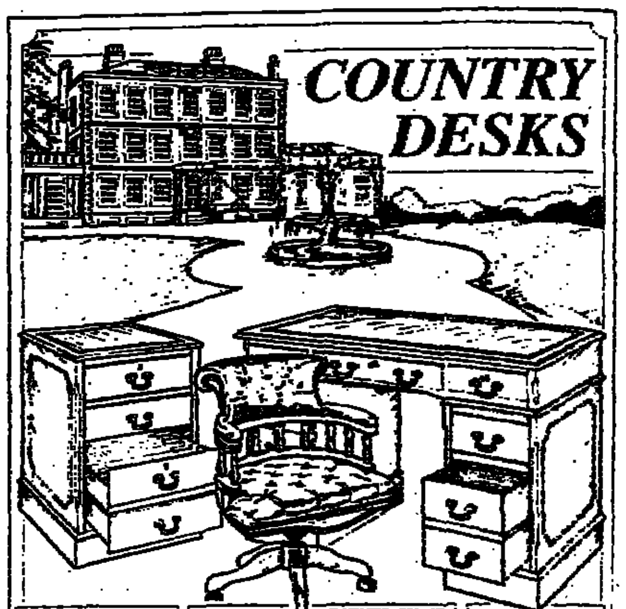

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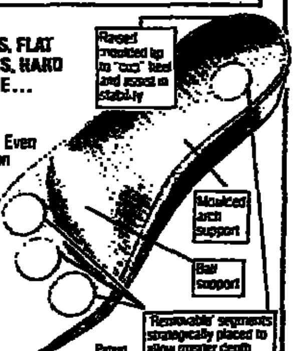
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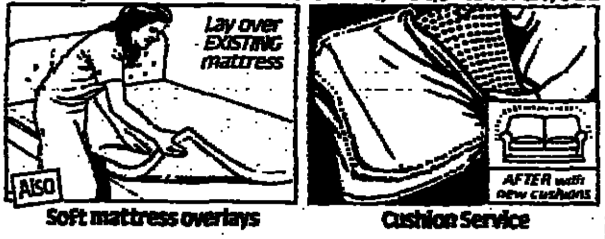

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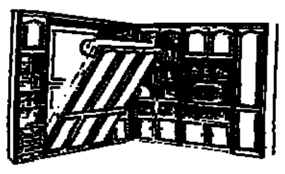

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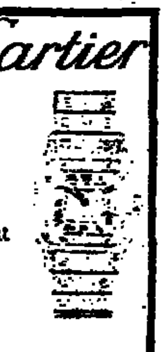

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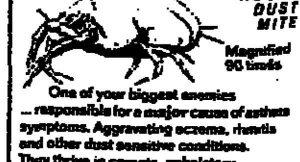

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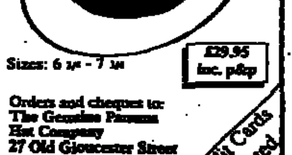

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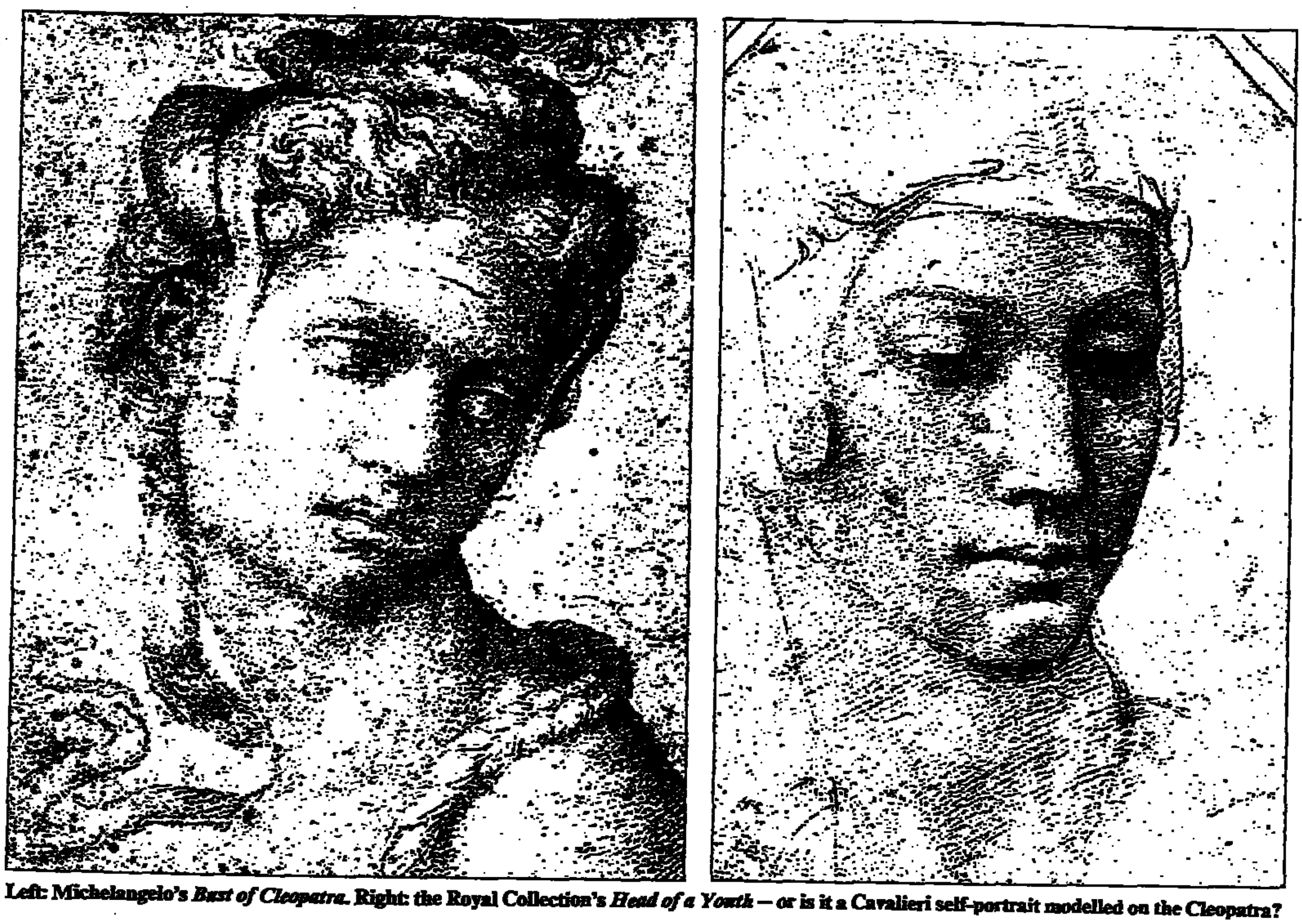
Who drew the Michelangelo?

A new book suggests most so-called Michelangelo drawings are wrongly attributed. Sarah Jane Checkland reports


Left: Michelangelo's *Bust of Cleopatra*. Right: the Royal Collection's *Head of a Youth* — or is it a Cavalieri self-portrait modelled on the Cleopatra?

Michelangelo was a purist who wanted the world only to see his work perfect and finished. To the chagrin of his biographer, Vasari, and patron, Cosimo de' Medici, he was in the habit of burning his drawings, and made two such bonfires just before his death in 1564.

Strange, therefore, that, at the last count, the number of drawings attributed to the great High Renaissance artist is 630 — about 400 more than in 1960. Either scholarship or temptation is making great advances.

The field, according to Leo Steinberg, the professor of art history at Pennsylvania university, fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and author of *Michelangelo's Last Paintings* (1975), "is simply a contemptible mess. A lot of money is involved. If a drawing *is* by Michelangelo, it would sell to the Getty for $1 million or $2 million; if by one of his followers, such as Condivi, you would be lucky to get £500 for it."

No wonder, therefore, that the first scholar to attempt to clarify the situation is being dismissed by the British art establishment, which owns the lion's share of drawings attributed to Michelangelo.

This week the first English translation of *Michelangelo's Drawings: the Science of Attribution* was published. Its author, Alexander Perrig, a Swiss-born professor based at Trier university in Germany, has been dismissed as a crank, because he suggests that of the 630 drawings attributed to Michelangelo, only 85 are by him. He goes so far as to suggest that some, such as the *Head of a Youth*, pride of the Royal Collection at Windsor Castle, were drawn by Michelangelo's lover, Tommaso de' Cavalieri, the educated Roman nobleman renowned for his beauty, to whom the master gave drawing lessons. Others, he says, are by pupils.

Were Professor Perrig's claims to be accepted, the British Museum would stand to lose 15 Michelangelos, the Royal Collection nine and the Ashmolean 12.

"Of the eight or nine drawings in question, only one of them is definitely not authentic, and everyone has known about that for 40 years," a Buckingham Palace spokesman for the Royal Collection says firmly. "The others are all well authenticated."

"We have no reason to revise our opinion of the drawings. His claims are nothing new," a spokesman at the British Museum says.

The only member of the trio open to debate is the Ashmolean, whose curator of European art, Timothy Wilson, says: "There has been at least 100 years of ebb and flow of arguments about what is and what isn't by Michelangelo . . . We welcome a contribution to the topic."

Professor Perrig has been studying Michelangelo throughout his 30-year career, publishing, until now, his research in particularly impenetrable German. The present volume in English is understood to have disappointed him because it is such a curtailed version of his life's work.

He starts from the premise that few of the drawings survive and, suggesting that until now connoisseurs have not had a systematic method to determine authenticity, goes on to supply one. Having analysed the style, technique and development in Michelangelo's undisputed drawings, with reference to what he calls their "kinetic energies", he produces a "sieve" of their characteristics, "sufficiently finely meshed to catch every other authentic drawing from the grey mass of what is included under the M 'label'". He compares the Royal Collection's *Head of a Youth* with an undisputed drawing of Cleopatra, which Michelangelo gave to Cavalieri, and concludes that the latter used the composition as a model for his own self-portrait. Other casualties include a *Hovering God the Father* at Windsor Castle, which Professor Perrig now attributes to Sebastiano del Piombo; a *Head of a Faun* in the Paris Louvre, and *Sibyl* in the Ashmolean, both of which he attributes to Antonio Mini.

"I admire the courage of Professor Perrig's approach," Professor Steinberg says. "I would place his [Perrig's] work among the half-dozen outstanding monuments of 20th century art-historical scholarship," he writes in a tribute included in Professor Perrig's book.

Professor Steinberg claims that scholarship on Michelangelo's drawings stopped in 1953 on the publication of *Michelangelo and his Studio*, a book by the art historian Johannes Wilde. "He simply reinstated drawings wholesale. Scores and scores of them — reattributed without argument."

> *'The reward for Perrig's research has been for him to be branded a pariah'*

Professor Perrig, he says, has been the only art historian brave enough subsequently to take up the cause of truth. "He started developing serious and completely new criteria. He studied graphology. He brought in criteria such as organisation of the sheet — to what extent would the artist respect previous drawings on the sheet, and so on. No two artists do it the same way." Unfortunately, Professor Steinberg says, the reward for such research has been to be branded a "pariah".

The frankest in his denunciations has been David Ekserdjian, the Slade fellow in Renaissance art at Corpus Christi, Oxford, who is to join Christie's as old master specialist next October. Professor Perrig, he says, is like a "flat earth" theorist: "Such people are unperturbed by anything you say. They get around it by piling further madness on initial madness."

What particularly rankles, he says, is that nonentities are now being credited with some of "the greatest draftsmanship of all time".

"It is difficult to know who did what, but the idea that somebody like Cavalieri, who was Michelangelo's boyfriend and an amateur artist, could have produced drawings among the most phenomenal executed is hard to take," Mr Ekserdjian says. "You get all sorts of peculiar scenarios such as Cavalieri helping Michelangelo to devise the *Last Judgment*."

America fuels Coke sale

Review

☐ **Master strokes:** Fierce bidding by British dealers and Americans raised £3.26 million — twice the amount expected — for Viscount Coke's sale of 66 old master drawings at Holkham Hall, Norfolk. The top price was £264,000 (five times estimate) for a woodland landscape by the Italian Baroque artist Pietro Berrettini da Cortona, bought by Hazlitt Gooden & Fox, the London dealers. Old master paintings also fared well at Sotheby's, top price being £253,000 (estimate £70,000-£100,000) for a *Madonna and Child* by the Bolognese 17th century artist Guido Reni. At Christie's, the Geneva art museum paid £495,000 for a pastel portrait of the Swiss-born Lady Tyrrell, by the Geneva 18th century artist Jean-Etienne Liotard.

☐ **Theft line:** The cheapest acquisition at the Grosvenor House Fair last month was a £50,000 Japanese ivory stolen from Sydney L. Moss's stand. Substantial rewards are being offered after the theft of £2 million of paintings in London last month. The property of two anonymous owners, the 63 works by artists such as George Stubbs, John Frederick Herring Senior and Montague Dawson vanished from Alfred Bishop and Sons' warehouse in Canning Town.

☐ **Vulgate price:** Christie's expects £1 million in November for the Vulgate Bible of 1460, set from Johann Gutenberg's first edition, published five years previously.

☐ **Heron flies:** The record for the St Ives abstract artist Patrick Heron rose to £33,000 at Sotheby's, but unrealistically high reserves resulted in 52 per cent of the British post-war and contemporary art remaining unsold.

Preview

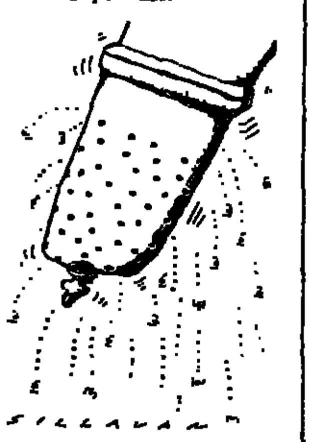
☐ **The week:** This is British week in London for picture buyers. Among the paintings at Sotheby's on Wednesday, at 11am and 2.30pm, is an early Turner of Old Margate Pier (up to £300,000). On Friday, at 11am, Christie's has a Fuseli Adam and Eve, a Zoffany portrait (both up to £100,000) and three small Landseer oil sketches. There are also British paintings at Phillips on Tuesday, at 11am. Christie's hopes for up to £400,000 for its Gainsborough chalk study in the watercolour sale on Tuesday, at 11am. On Thursday, at 2.30pm, Sotheby's has Colin Hunter's admirable collection, including a Sandby view of Bayswater at up to £50,000.

☐ **Monday:** Sotheby's has antiquities, at 10.30am and 2.30pm, the most ancient a 4,500-year-old Cycladic marble figure of a pregnant woman (up to £180,000).

☐ **Tuesday:** A sale of miniatures at Christie's includes a collection of Jane Austen's brother's family, and a Hilliard (up to £15,000). The Alfred Volkenberg ancient glass collection in the same rooms, 2pm, includes one of the world's oldest, a fragment of a 3,300-year-old oil or cosmetic jar (up to £20,000).

☐ **Wednesday:** Illustrations and printed books at Christie's South Kensington, at 2pm, include Rackham, Shepard and Searle drawings. At 4pm, a collection of motorcycles from the Twenties to the Sixties is on offer at the Castle Hall, Hertford.

☐ **Thursday:** The Neales of Nottingham sale, at 10.30am, includes an early 18th century Rouen faience caster and a Hans Coper vase.



☐ **Friday:** Sickert's easel (up to £2,500) is among the frames and artists' equipment at Christie's South Kensington, at 10.30am. Bonhams' ceramics sale, at 11am, includes a pair of early Meissen teabowls and saucers (up to £1,500).

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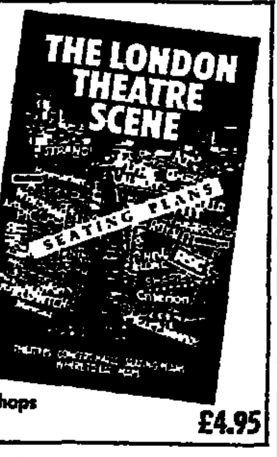

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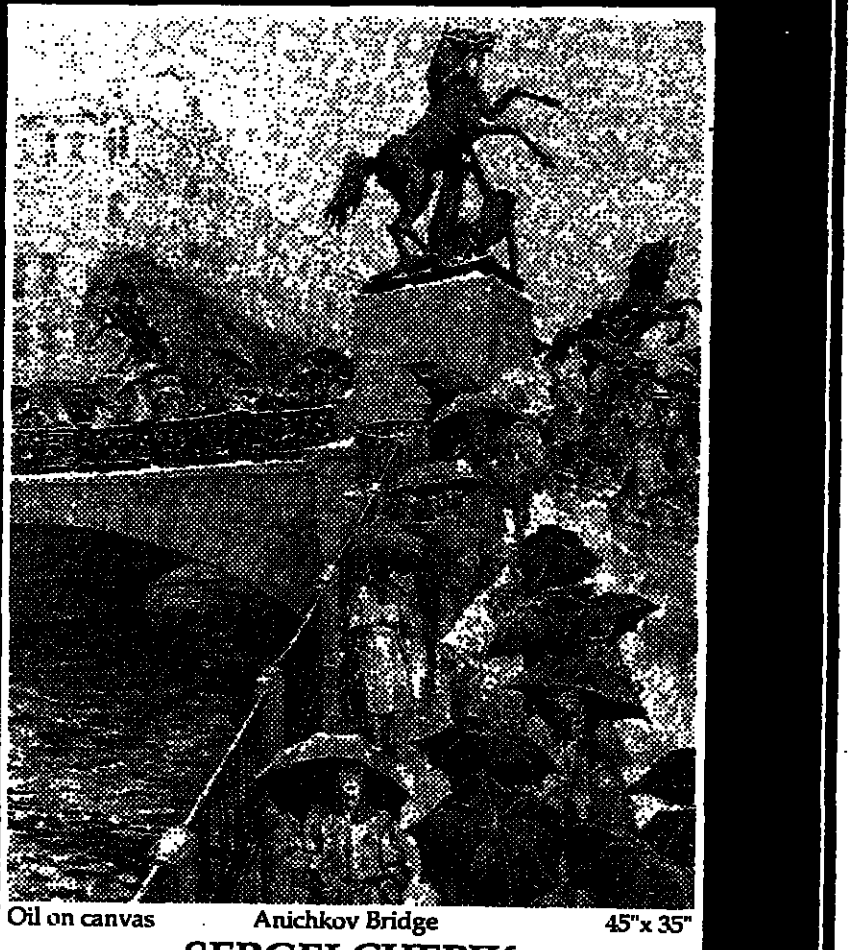

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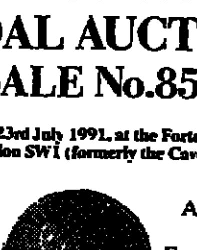

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OPERA

Don Giovanni
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No, taking pleasure is not the same thing as having fun. This is a dark-hearted, troubled and troubling vision of Mozart's *dramma giocoso* that Tim Albery and his designer Ashley Martin-Davis offer in this IBM-sponsored Opera North production, and it is swept into being by orchestral playing under Paul Daniel of extraordinary speed and fizzing vivid allure.

The music begins with the summons to hell, and by abolishing the curtain Albery can justify placing the action there from the start. At the rear of the stage a screen carries an unrolling abstracted image of the passing from night to day to night. But this is a kind of mnemonic, separate from the set, where there is nothing of the exterior world: no natural light, no buildings. Instead, the main structural feature is a red-black wall reaching to the back, looking like the side of a boat, though it also suggests a wave of fire caught at the point of breaking. Much of the action hangs on this precipice, but often the characters are slumped on the level in upholstered armchairs and sofas which, like most of the costumes, are jet black and look as if they have been rescued from a conflagration. This is an opera of charred beings.

But there are exceptions. When the Commendatore is killed, a child angel in a pure white costume comes slowly on to lead him away. There are more such angels, now in copper uniform, in the graveyard scene, and the white one returns to take Don Giovanni's hand at the end. In every case the effect is touching, but also a mite absurd.

That may be the point. By kicking the ground from under his own feet, by walking a tightrope in full view (like his cast on the crest of the fire wave), by inviting ridicule, Albery provides an image of life being lived dangerously.

This intensity of challenge comes out, too, in its treatment of charm, which is brisk. Zerlina and her chums, for instance, deliver their chorus in a line staring straight into the theatre: there is absolutely nothing light about it. And the same provocative manner is used for Don Giovanni's serenade and for the final sextet, where triumph is replaced by anger: after all, the sinner has not just been driven to hell (the vapour and the demon here are pantomime stuff) but escaped from it.

So risky a production will obviously vary from night to night. One daring gambit that came off brilliantly on Thursday was Giovanni's assumption of a magenta evening gown and gloves while singing the Champagne Aria: another number flung straight at the audience as an affront. It happens that this Don's most erotic relationship is with Leporello, but the transvesticism has less to do with his sexual psychology than with exemplifying a world of overturned values: a bleak carnival world that we then see in the first-act finale. This is a daring, urgent production: its weapon is the knife, not the gentlemanly sword.

That it so often cuts to the bone is largely because of a cast utterly bound up in what is going on. Robert Hayward looks and sounds superb in the title role, his singing big and violent with cruelty, defiance and despair. John Hall partners him wonderfully as Leporello: his are the hardest tasks in dealing with the tempo and in making all the humour black. In both the quality of his success is almost shocking. Helen Field as Donna Anna may be charred with the rest, but she is also on fire with passion: her big number in Act II is a *tour de force*, courting its own dangers of insubstantial tone, but magnificent in a manner that has nothing to do with good Mozart style. Jane Leslie MacKenzie as Donna Elvira gradually rose to an impressive brilliance and agility; she may be hampered by the fact that the production is uncertain about her seriousness.

The seriousness of Don Ottavio, though, is not in question. In this world of extremes, of sopranos and basses, he alone holds the middle ground, and he alone in this production is consistently reasonable and affecting. It may seem a backhander to say that Paul Nilon is best in the recitatives, but his singing there is so beautiful that his problems in the arias are all the more poignant. Lynne Davies and Peter Snipp are a likeable peasant couple; Sean Rea a splendidly sonorous Commendatore.

PAUL GRIFFITHS

Taste of absurdity at war

Jeremy Kingston
reviews an early
Arrabal double-bill

THE ironic title of the current season at the Gate Theatre, Notting Hill, is "The Spoils of War", and sandwiched between June's Roman battles and the siege of Troy in a fortnight come two short plays by the Spaniard Fernando Arrabal, a Spaniard traumatised in childhood by his country's civil war. The plays date from the start of his career, when he was exiled in Paris during the Fifties, establishing himself as a playwright of the Absurd.

Picnic is usually known by a precise translation from its French title: *Pique-nique en Campagne* becoming "Picnic on the Battlefield", which indeed it does mean. But it can also mean "picnic in the country". Such an ambiguity lies at the heart of Arrabal's bleakly comic squint at the world: his childlike characters responding to the ghastly truths of war as if these were upsets in a children's game.

Mary Peate's direction begins with the stage visible intermittently in the light of bursting shells. Soldiers in battle gear clamber desperately across a muddy mound.

WHEN the bombardment ceases, one soldier (Paul Stacey) is stretched there, panting, so dazed at still being alive that the pounding of his blood is all but audible. Even when his parents come to cheer him up, Stacey's incredulity at having survived remains palpable, a vital accompaniment to his parents' chatty inanities. "And you, sir," his mother inquires when an enemy soldier is taken prisoner. "Why are you an enemy? Were you born an enemy or did you become one later on?"

Only half an hour long, this neat play, straightforward once Arrabal has set it on its Absurd course, is attractively acted, shrewdly directed and worth a look. Guernica, the second play, works less well. Lira (Pauline Munro but never visible) is trapped under rubble in the bowels of her house and every attempt to free herself brings down more stones on top of her. Her husband (Terrence Hardiman) just footles about.

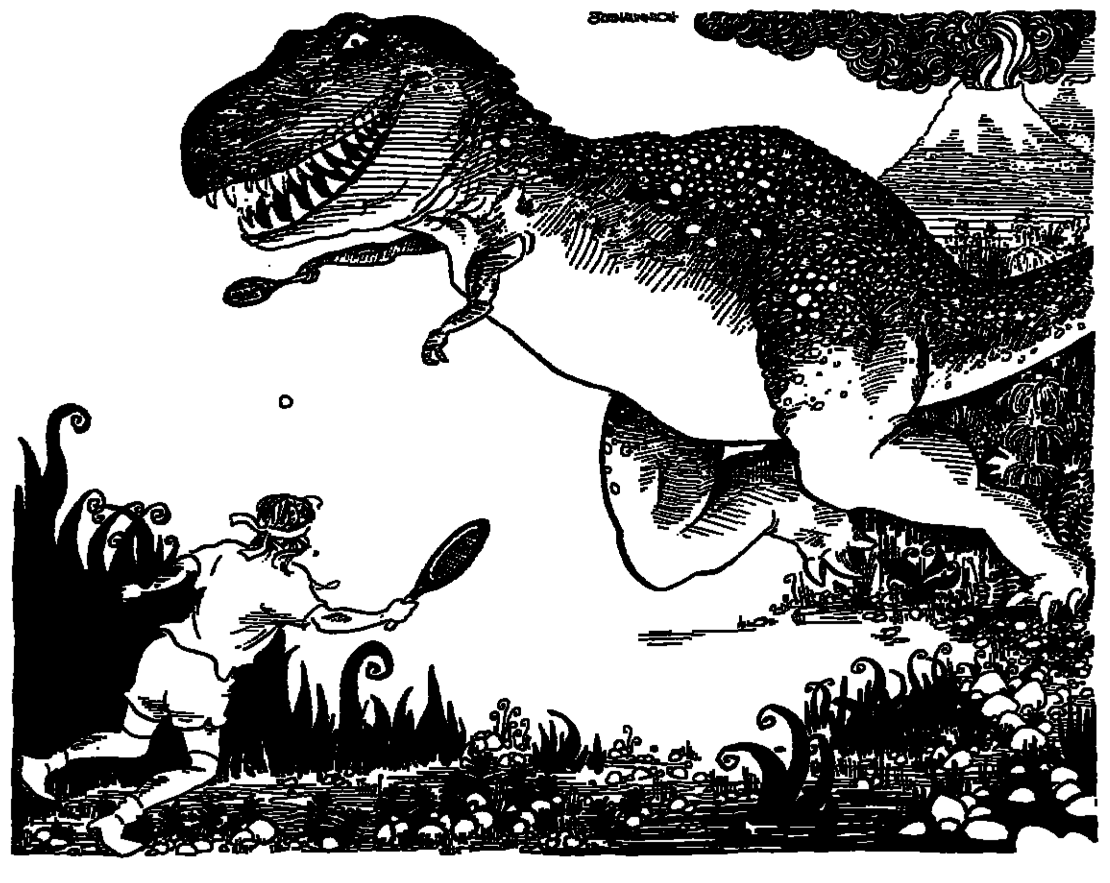
Apart from some modest *coups de théâtre*, the play's progression is obvious from early on: it is a question of waiting for the stones to cover her. The screaming raids that punctuate the talk are hair-raising, and the set (Jeremy Herbert, Mini Grey) cunningly strips the surface of the mound to uncover the broken beams of the house. But where the admirable first play is Absurd but true, the second is absurd and unreal.

JEREMY KINGSTON

TELEVISION REVIEW

Strong, lovable and good on grass

Lynne Truss on a
week when hunks
and hulks, ancient
and modern, seemed
strangely similar



I have been in the grip of an obsession. "I love my love with an A" I scribbled feverishly during my rare moments watching non-**Wimbledon 91** television this week. "No I don't. Yes I do. I love my love with an A, because he is Athletic. He lives in America, and his movements are Agile." Andre Agassi was the source of this dementia; indeed, Agassi Fever threatened to unseat my reason. When friends asked why I had been cutting Agassi pictures from the sports pages, and placing them in a heart-shaped folder under my pillow, they say I grew agitated and babbled of green courts. I was not myself, evidently.

On Wednesday, when I discovered I had mis-recorded Agassi's blissful fourth-round victory against Eltingh, I was so distraught and exasperated that I stamped my feet on the floor and yelled a short pithy sequence of expletives, of the sort guaranteed to incur a $10,000 fine from the International Tennis Federation. This is what sports mania can do to you: I was guilty of video abuse.

Any viewer of *Wimbledon 91* will know that I was not alone in my adulation of Andre; I was not swimming against a tide. "He's a star, the boy," commented Desmond Lynam, with an indulgent smile; and during Agassi's matches, the instant playback analysis by the *Wimbledon 91* commentators ("Look at the fabulous way Agassi takes this ball") was almost ludicrously partial. Close-ups of Agassi's opponents were so rare that the viewer would jump up occasionally, saying "Remind me, who is that man there — the one that isn't Agassi?" This one-sidedness suited me very well, of course: I felt that the BBC had got the balance just about right. On Thursday afternoon, during the women's semi-finals, they even broadcast a long-distance courtesy shot of Agassi arriving in the Wimbledon car park. Intuitively, they seemed to know that the nation was saying, "Enough of this nail-biting tennis. Tell us what's cooking with the Dreamboat."

When duty demanded it, I watched other things, but I found it hard to concentrate. **Horizon** (BBC 2), for example, told the story of an exciting development in paleontology, with the discovery of a rare complete skeleton of Tyrannosaurus Rex in the badlands of Montana. (They stopped the tennis to show us this, by the way.) T. Rex is everybody's favourite dinosaur, but it seems we have been labouring under many delusions concerning its true physical nature, partly because of the inadequacy of the fossil record. T. Rex was quite agile, we learned, and its front legs (or arms) were incredibly strong. Now this was indeed interesting: did they say it had fast legs and strong arms? Might it, then, have made a good grass-court player? Would the power of its ground strokes have survived comparison with Andre Agassi's?

Horizon did not comment. In fact the implications of this discovery for the pre-history of Grand Slam tennis were deliberately neglected. What a missed opportunity. "Now," I thought I heard a youthful Dan Maskell say, "Let's have a look at the Rex statistics. He's twelve feet tall, this man. Just look at those knee joints, they are really tremendous. He weighs four tons, so I'm told, and has been known to make a meal of his opponents. But on the other hand — and I'm sure Mark Cox will agree with me on this — his lack of tactical thinking does sometimes betray the fact that his brain is the size of a blackcurrant." At which Mark Cox would add (thus demonstrating the vast superiority of the human cerebral cortex), "It certainly does, Dan."

Having failed to put Wimbledon completely out of my mind, it was imperative that I try to suppress the worst of my lascivious thoughts concerning the Dreamboat's body. But even this was not easy. Perhaps it was the effect of the sudden spell of hot weather, but there seemed to be an unconscionable number of naked males on view this week. Each time I turned on the television, I felt that I had entered a strange world where trousers and shirts were unknown.

The reliably alarming series **From Wimps to Warriors** (BBC 2) (this week about the "masculine" component of homosexuality) featured a rather arty balletic scene of nude men mud-wrestling, among a myriad other testaments to fervid buttock-worship. In **Fire!** (Thames) we were shown the initiation rites undergone by rookie firefighters, in which debagging is, of course, the obligatory preliminary. And in **G.B.H.** (Channel 4) not only was there some very explicit pillow-talk between Michael Murray and Barbara concerning Murray's "nudger", but there were also some good clear take-it-or-leave-it views of both Robert Lindsay and Michael Palin arrayed without benefit of underwear.

What a baffling series *G.B.H.* is, though. Robert Lindsay is brilliant; Julie Walters is marvellous; but what is it about? It seems impolite to ask, when you have already sat quietly through seven-and-a-half hours, but I suddenly feel I don't trust it any more to tell me something I don't know. There is a horrible possibility that its superficial reality — a confused paranoid plot relying for illumination on a half-baked notion that the world is mad and dangerous — is busy with event in order to disguise the fact that nothing is going on underneath.

Sometimes, too, Bleasdale's exposition is shockingly inept — as when Barbara (Lindsay Duncan) revealed her identity in voice-over last week, by inwardly informing herself, "Oh Eileen Critchley, I am your sister" (or words to that effect). No wonder one finds oneself concentrating on the acting and the clothes.

'Remind me, who is that man there — the one that isn't Agassi?'

The author's politics misfire, too. Any political message comes across less as a punch than as one of those flailing involuntary arm-jerks that the mad Michael Murray is subject to. The trouble, I think, is that Bleasdale has deliberately set up a closed world in which people obey a kind of herd-mentality. Whether they are the children at the special school, drunken daleks at a *Doctor Who* convention, myrmidons of "Militant", or black citizens hammering in unison on the doors of the town hall, they behave like metronome automata that have recently stepped out of a piece of German Expressionist cinema.

Remember, in this week's episode, the people at the Fleetwood boarding-house? Frankie says to his mother "Everyone's got a dream, Mam [*sic*]." And she replies, "No they haven't" — and points to the room full of happy holiday-makers, sitting identically motionless and vacant at dinner, occupied apparently with chewing the cud.

Bleasdale's problem, I think, is that, against this strange stylistic background, he wants us to be outraged at the betrayal of Mr and Mrs Citizen at the hands of cynical *agents provocateurs*. Which is a bit like setting your play inside a Santa's Grotto, and then complaining of the wicked people who tell you there is a Father Christmas.

Hits from the Godfather's soul

James Brown
Wembley Arena

Hottest ticket in town: 50-year-old James Brown

THEY say prison does things to a man. Yet three years behind bars and three still to go on parole have had little outward effect on James Brown. After the usual introductory blarney from a comically oleaginous MC, Brown appeared, resplendent in a soul-generalissimo, purple three-piece suit with gold braid and gold shoes. The band set off on a perky trot through "Living in America" while the sound engineer tried to locate Brown's voice which was buried for some time in a murky mix.

Notoriety has, of course, momentarily transformed Brown's roadshow from business as usual into the hottest ticket in town. But more fundamental forces have been at work on the Godfather of Soul's reputation in the five years since he last played in England.

The vogue for sampling has meant that during his physical absence, snatches of Brown's performances are reckoned to have turned up on between two and three thousand rap recordings. Brown's pervasive influence on contemporary trends has been clearer to see with every passing year, and the fingerprints of Prince and Michael Jackson are all over his work.

All of which might lead to unreasonably high expectations of a 50-year-old man whose best music was recorded between 20 and 35 years ago. His show was in essence the same as the one he played at this venue in 1986, with the addition of eight dancing girls and three backing singers.

The singers put welcome flesh on the bones of Brown's sketchy, grunted vocals, but the dancers with their half go-go, half rah-rah routines and Seventies costumes were a decorous distraction and the extra resources could have been better deployed.

Still a uniquely commanding presence, Brown planted himself at the front, and for much of the time let the action take place around him. He concentrated his dancing into little bursts of tremulous movement and, while he wisely refrained from doing the splits, he still showed tremendous finesse in his "moonwalking" and microphone-stand biffing routines.

His best vocal performance was "It's a Man's World". Down on his knees, bathed in aquamarine light, he gave a glimpse of the showmanship that was once so thrilling. There were flashes of the old brilliance, too, in the mannered strut of "I Got You (I Feel Good)", "Cold Sweat" and "Sex Machine", but the 90-minute show never really ignited in the way that had been hoped.

The old cape-around-the-shoulders routine gave way to a reprise of "Living in America" and then he disappeared. There were no encores. He probably gave as much as we had any right to expect.

DAVID SINCLAIR

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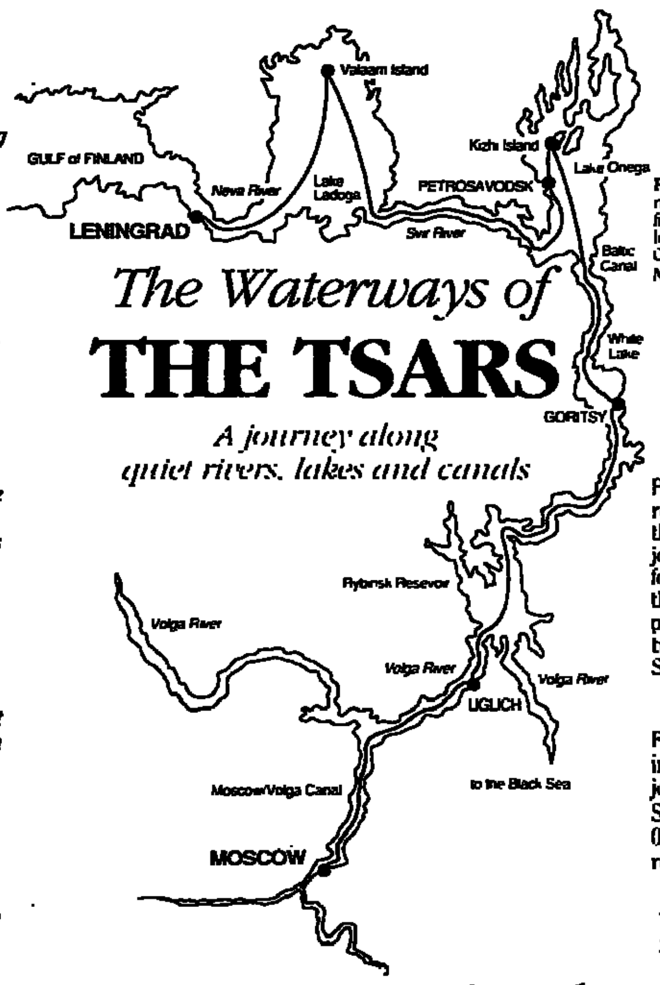

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BBC 1

6.40 Open University: Third World Studies **7.05** Pure Maths "Quadric Surfaces"
7.30 Pinocchio. Cartoon adventures with the wooden puppet **7.50 Kissyfur** (r)
8.15 The 8.15 From Manchester. Children's magazine programme with music, videos, chat and cartoons presented by Ross King, Dianne Oxberry and Charlotte Hindle. Chesney Hawkes and his brother Jodie talk about their meteoric rise as teenybop hearthrobs, and award-winning journalist Kate Adie discusses her worldwide assignments. Plus naturalist Ron Freethy with dolphins in Amble, north Humberside **10.52 Weather**
10.55 Grandstand, introduced by Desmond Lynam, begins with Cricket: live coverage of the opening session of the third day's play in the third Test between England and West Indies at Trent Bridge. The commentators are Richie Benaud and Jack Bannister
1.00 News
1.05 Grandstand continues with Desmond Lynam introducing live coverage from Wimbledon of the ladies' singles final which is due to start at 2.00. Also scheduled are the men's and ladies' doubles finals
5.05 News and weather
5.15 Regional News and sport
5.20 Stay Tooned! Tony Robinson looks at the way real people and animals are changed into cartoon characters by the animators
5.45 The Flying Doctors: The Choice. Lightweight Australian drama about a team of medics. An air crash leaves two sisters seriously ill and the man they both live with in a dilemma. Meanwhile Kate returns from her break determined to make her departure from Coopers Crossing a permanent one. Starring Leonore Smith. (Ceefax)
6.30 That's Showbusiness. Showbiz quiz hosted by Mike Smith. Joining team captains Kenny Everett and Gloria Hunniford are actress Thora Hird, writer and comedian Rory McGrath, and actresses Gwen Taylor and Nichola McAuliffe. (Ceefax)
7.00 Les Dennis Laughter Show. In tonight's show "Cliff Richard" looks back on his varied — and lengthy — career; and Lisa Maxwell pays homage to the queen of romantic novelists, Barbara Cartland (r). (Ceefax)
7.30 Columbo — Death Lends a Hand. Judging by the appearance of the late Ray Milland, a less than recent case for Peter Falk's shabby detective. Wealthy Arthur Kennicutt hires private eye Brimmer when he suspects his wife is cheating on him. There follows a complicated blackmail plot and the murder of a beautiful woman. Enter Lieutenant Columbo. With Robert Culp and Patricia Crowley (r). (Ceefax)

It's a tortoise's life: Richard Wilson, Annette Crosbie (8.45pm)

8.45 One Foot in the Grave: We Have Put Her Living in the Tomb. Lugubrious Victor Meldrew (Richard Wilson) looks after Kylie the tortoise for a week and as a special anniversary present his god-daughter sends him and wife Margaret (Annette Crosbie) a couple of theatre tickets. But inevitably Victor's patience is tried to the limit before he can enjoy them (r). (Ceefax)
9.15 News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Sport and weather
9.35 International Athletics. Live coverage from Oslo of the Mobil Bislett Games, including coverage of the "Dream Mile", where Britain's Peter Elliott and Steve Cram will be taking on European champion Jens-Peter Herold of Germany and Algerian Nourredine Morcelli. Commentary by Brendan Foster, Stuart Storey and Paul Dickenson
10.25 Today at Wimbledon. Highlights of the ladies' singles final, introduced by Harry Carpenter
11.25 Film: Battletruck (1982). Limp *Mad Max* rip-off set in an unspecified future when people are fighting for food and oil following a devastating war. Hunter (Michael Beck), a lone biker, joins a peaceful group of people trying to exist on remaining resources. But a rival gang with a massive "battletruck" come after them and the fight for survival is on. Directed by Harley Cockliss
12.55am Weather

BBC 2

6.50 Open University: Maths — Conics **7.15** Social Work in the Inner City **7.40** Geology — Deserts **8.05** Computing — Building a Spreadsheet **8.30** An Everyday Story of Industrial Folk **8.55** India — Space for Education **9.20** Magnetic Circuits **9.45** Mental Handicap — A Working Life **10.10** Images — Viewing the Invisible **10.35** State and Society — Poland **11.00** A Matter of Course **11.25** Child's Play **11.50** Which Test to Use **12.15** *Measure for Measure* Workshop **12.40** Ferrara — Planning the Ideal City **1.05** Power to the People? **1.30** Return to Figurative Art **1.55** Geometric Topology — Covering Surfaces **2.20** Ecology — Seals
2.45 Mahabharat. Episode 53 of the 93-part the Indian epic. In Hindi with English subtitles
3.25 Cricket: Third Test and Wimbledon '91. Live coverage of the third day's play from Trent Bridge. Plus live coverage from Wimbledon where the ladies' singles final and the men's and ladies' doubles are due to take place. The commentating team includes Dan Maskell, John Barrett, Virginia Wade and Ann Jones. (Ceefax)
8.05 News with Moira Stuart. Sport and weather
8.20 Bringing It All Back Home: No Frontiers. Continuing the five-part series celebrating Irish music and exploring its extensive influence on many styles of American music — from folk to rock genres. The Irish ballad has flourished in America, fed as it often was on a diet of emigrant memories, harsh poverty and dreams of success in the New World. The Clancy Brothers practised and perfected their musical style in New York's Greenwich Village folk clubs and influenced many American musicians, including the young Bob Dylan. They are among the musicians featured tonight, along with Paul Brady, Mary Black, Richard Thompson, Micheal O'Suilleabhain, Dolores Keane and Emmylou Harris

Partners in crime: Billy Hamon and Charles Bolton (9.15pm)

9.15 Alan Clarke Dramas: To Encourage the Others.
● CHOICE: Alan Clarke, who died last year of cancer at the age of 54, was a vigorous and innovative television director, often at his most effective with dramas reflecting contemporary issues. A season of his television work opens with a characteristic subject in David Yallop's reconstruction of the Craig-Bentley murder case. First shown in 1972, *To Encourage the Others* is at the same time a drama-documentary based on the transcript of the trial and a polemic alleging a miscarriage of justice. Derek Bentley (Charles Bolton) was the illiterate 19-year-old hanged for the murder of a London policeman, although the fatal shot was allegedly fired by his 16-year-old accomplice, Christopher Craig (Billy Hamon). The play provoked a call in the House of Commons for a new inquiry into the case. The home secretary, Reginald Maudling, refused, saying the jury had come to the right verdict
11.00 Video Diaries: In Black and White or In Colour.
● CHOICE: In one of the best films yet in the *Video Diaries* series a 24-year- old Brazilian, Sergio Goldenberg, focuses his camera on his own family, recording their daily lives over six months. They are middle class, Jewish, and between them can boast an impressive range of professions — psychoanalyst, architect, doctor, computer analyst, engineer. But this is a private portrait, composed with candour, humour and much affection. The parents dissect their enduring 30-year-old marriage. Sergio enters a closer relationship with his older sister, who is back home after a divorce. His younger sister finally marries her long-standing boyfriend and they move to Scotland, where he works for an oil company. The camera is allowed equally into heated arguments and moments of intimate affection. Sergio says, with only a little exaggeration, that the family's acceptance of the film is one of the greatest proofs of love the world has ever seen
11.55 Cricket. Highlights from the third day's play in the third Test between England and West Indies at Trent Bridge. Ends at **12.30am**

ITV

6.00 TV-am
9.25 Children's ITV: Ghost Train. Chills, thrills, fun and excitement with Frances Dodge and Sabra Williams. The guests include Gayle and Gillian Blakeney, who play the Alessi twins in *Neighbours*. They will show their first video release
11.30 A Beetle Called Derek. An off-beat look at environmental issues presented by Andrea Arnold with rap-poet Benjamin Zephaniah
12.00 The ITV Chart Show. The *Vintage Video* slot features the Clash
1.00 ITN News and weather **1.05 LWT News** and weather
1.10 World Sport Special. Sports action from around the globe, including powerboat racing, the Yugoslavian 500cc motorbike grand prix and the UK mountain bike championship from Aviemore. Followed by **The Day**
1.45 Matlock: Power Brokers. Part two of the courtroom drama in which ageing district attorney Ben Matlock (Andy Griffith) finds himself in a dilemma after his client makes a confession and then retracts it
2.40 Film: Jesse (1988). A made-for-television drama being shown in tribute to the late Lee Remick who died recently after a long battle against cancer. In this drama she plays a courageous nurse fighting overwhelming odds to clear her name when she becomes the victim of the unwieldy medical system. Directed by Glenn Jordan
4.25 Universal Studios Tour
5.00 News and weather **5.05 LWT News** and weather
5.15 MacGyver. Action-packed drama series starring Richard Dean Anderson as the eponymous American secret agent
6.15 Bob's Your Uncle. Veteran comic Bob Monkhouse hosts the slapstick game show for newlywed couples
7.00 Stars in Their Eyes. Talent show where various members of the public try their skill at impersonation before a studio audience
7.30 The Two of Us: The Treasure. Amiable sitcom starring Nicholas Lyndhurst and Janet Dibley as young marrieds. Ashley and Elaine decide to hire a home help but the successful applicant is soon running not only their home but also their lives (r)
8.00 Agatha Christie's Poirot: The Adventure of Johnnie Waverly. David Suchet stars as the infuriating Belgian sleuth, Hercule Poirot. When some children are kidnapped Inspector Japp (Philip Jackson) will not take the ransom note seriously and Captain Hastings (Hugh Fraser) refuses to accept that such things can happen in England. But trust Poirot to get to the bottom of it (r) (teletext).
9.00 News, sport and weather **9.15 LWT Weather**

No room at the top: David Hewlett and Robin Givens (9.20pm)

9.20 Film: The Penthouse (1989). Above average, made-for-television suspense thriller starring Robin Givens, former wife of boxer Mike Tyson. A young man (David Hewlett) escapes from a mental hospital and makes his way to a plush apartment block. Wealthy record company executive Dinah St Clair (Givens) lives in the luxury penthouse at the top and the young man is determined to get to her at any cost. With Robert Guillaume and Donnelly Rhodes. Directed by David Greene
11.10 Spitting Back. Highlights from the *Spitting Images* series
11.40 Shaka Zulu. Painstaking mini-series recounting the story of the Zulu leader Shaka (Henry Cele). Shaka is surrounded by jealous chiefs and witch doctors intent on impeding his efforts to reconcile the various tribes into a fighting army. When an attempt is made on Shaka's life, the outcome has strong repercussions for Lt Farewell (Edward Fox) and his men. With Robert Powell and Trevor Howard
1.40am Bhangra Beat. Series focusing on the Asian music and social scene. A look at the more contemporary side of Asian music, focusing on the band Apache and talking to their producers, Simon and Diamond
2.10 Wrestling
3.10 Film: The Hand of Night (1966). An unmemorable and silly horror feature. Paul Carver (William Sylvester) visits Morocco and attends a party given by an archaeologist, Gunther (Edward Underdown). There he meets two beautiful women, Chantal (Diane Clare) and Marisa (Alizia Gur), and soon becomes involved with a mysterious sect named "The Servants of the Night". Directed by Frederick Goode
4.50 The Hit Man and Her. With Pete Waterman and Michaela Strachan
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Comic Book 7.00 Crosstalk. Young people's discussion programme **7.30 Pet World** (r) **8.00 Trans World Sport**
9.00 News summary followed by **Channel 4 Racing: The Morning Line 9.25 Sing and Swing.** Performances by jazz stars of the Thirties and Forties (r)
9.30 A Century of Childhood (r) **10.00 Check Out '91** (r). (Teletext)
10.30 Wagon Train (b/w). Classic Fifties western series
11.30 Australian Rules Football. Melbourne v West Coast
12.30 The Munsters (b/w). More ghoulish laughs from America's most bizarre household (r)
1.00 Film: With a Song In My Heart (1952). Handkerchief at the ready for this sentimental, song-rich biopic of singer Jane Froman (played by Susan Hayward) who, after suffering crippling injuries in a plane crash in 1942, fought her way back to stardom. Directed by Walter Lang
3.10 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown. Live coverage of the 3.25, 4.10 (Coral-Eclipse Stakes) and 4.45 races
5.10 Brookside Omnibus (r). (Teletext)
6.30 Tour de France 1991. This is the 78th year of France's grueling cycle race and the conditions are tougher than ever, with no rest-days, 500 kilometres added to the distance and more mountains to climb. The opening leg is the prologue time trial from Lyon. Commentary by Phil Liggett, Paul Sherwen and Gary Imlach.
7.00 The World This Week.
● CHOICE: After its superb coverage of the Gulf conflict, the international affairs series settles to matters more localised. Tonight's main report is from Colombia on that country's painful steps towards democracy. Having been locked in a civil war between guerrilla movements, the army and extreme right death squads, Colombia set up a constitutional assembly to draft a new constitution. For the first time, poor and minority groups were given a direct voice. The former M19 guerrilla group has laid down its arms and turned itself into a political party. But the largest, communist-backed, guerrilla faction is still carrying on the war. Meanwhile the country is divided over how to tackle its drug barons. Plus the latest from Yugoslavia and the ANC conference in South Africa. Including **News** headlines and weather
8.00 Kingdoms of the East: Land of Dragons. Six million people live in Hong Kong's 26 square miles, sometimes living eight to a room, yet even in this over-crowded city it is possible to find abundent wildlife (r). (Teletext)

Nazi persecution: Gaspard Manesse, Raphael Fejto (9.00pm)

9.00 Film: Au Revoir Les Enfants (1987).
● CHOICE: A Channel 4 season devoted to the films of the French director Louis Malle opens with one of his finest works, a semi-autobiographical study of childhood under the German occupation. The film is set in a Catholic boarding school in 1944 and concentrates on one of the pupils, a character based on Malle himself, and his friendship with a secretive new classmate. The newcomer turns out to be one of three Jewish boys taken in by the courageously anti-fascist headmaster to protect them from the Nazis. For a while the Germans pose no threat, even returning the boys when they are lost in the forest during a scouting expedition. Then an informer tips off the Gestapo. Malle draws superb performances from his young leads, Gaspard Manesse and Raphael Fejto, as he builds quietly and often humorously, with layers of carefully-observed detail, to the tragic climax
11.00 Talking to Louis Malle. The director in conversation with critic and writer Philip French
11.30 The Oprah Winfrey Show: The Whole Family Is Gay. A discussion between a straight audience and gay panelists in which family members try to come to terms with each other's sexuality
12.25am My Brother Tom. The first of a two-part mini-series set in a small Murray River township in 1938. Edward Quayle (Keith Michell) is an English lawyer and staunch protestant, who clashes with his son Tom (Tom Jennings) over politics, religion and love. With Gordon Jackson (r)
2.10 Tour de France. A repeat of the programme shown at 6.30. Ends at 2.40

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6.00am Elephant Boy 6.30 The Flying Kiwi 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Danger Bay 11.30 Sha Na Na 12.00 Beyond 2000 1.00pm Combat 2.00 WWF Wrestling Challenge 3.00 Monkey 4.00 Big Hawaii 5.00 The Magician 6.00 Parker Lewis Can't Lose 6.30 The Addams Family 7.00 T.J. Hooker 8.00 Unsolved Mysteries 9.00 Cops 9.30 Superstars of Wrestling 10.30 Freddy's Nightmares 11.30 The Last Laugh 12.00 Film: The Triangle Factory Fire Scandal 2.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Newsline 9.30 News Dayline 10.30 Health Circuit 11.30 Newsline Weekend 12.30pm Those Were The Days 1.30pm Holiday Destinations 2.30 Fashion TV 3.30 Those Were The Days 4.30 Health Circuit 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Newsline Weekend 7.30 Fashion TV 8.30 Holiday Destinations 10.30 Newsline Weekend 11.30 Fashion TV 12.30am Holiday Destinations 1.30 Newsline Weekend 2.30 Health Circuit 3.30 Target 4.30 Those Were The Days

SKY MOVIES+

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Our Family Honour (1985): Drama about corruption in the New York police department
10.00 Not Just Another Affair (1982): Romantic comedy about a professional businesswoman's quest for the perfect man
12.00 The House on Carroll Street (1985): Kelly McGillis discovers a secret government conspiracy during the McCarthy era
2.00pm Cool Change (1979): Australian cattlemen determine to prevent land-owners from evicting a young girl. Starring Jon Blake
4.00 Caddyshack 2 (1988): Golfing comedy, starring Jackie Mason and Robert Stack
5.40 Entertainment Tonight
6.00 Field of Dreams (1989): Kevin Costner stars as a Kansas farmer who turns his corn field into a baseball pitch
8.00 Millennium (1989): A female freedom fighter from the year 2088 journeys back in time. Starring Cheryl Ladd and Kris Kristofferson
10.00 Dead Calm (1989): A couple on board their luxury yacht are menaced by a psychotic killer. Starring Sam Neill and Nicole Kidman
11.40 Eleven Days, Eleven Nights (1987): A man due to marry in 11 days falls under the spell of a writer who wants to claim him as her 100th lover. Starring Jessica Moore
1.10am No Man's Land (1987): An undercover cop is seduced by the lifestyle of a playboy car thief. Starring Charlie Sheen and D.B. Sweeney
2.55 Return of the Killer Tomatoes (1988): A mad scientist performs strange experiments on tomatoes and humans
4.30 The Night Before (1987): A model student is unable to remember what happened at his high school prom. Starring Keanu Reeves. Ends at 6.00

THE MOVIE CHANNEL

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am My Man Godfrey (1936, b/w): A butler turns out to be wealthier than the millionaire family he works for
7.50 Three Sisters (1970): An adaptation of Chekhov's classic play. Starring Laurence Olivier
10.40 Godspell (1973): Hippies perform a musical adaptation of the Gospel of St Matthew on the streets of New York
12.30pm Missing Link (1988): Pseudo-documentary about the final days of a mythical creature thought to be the missing evolutionary link between man and ape
2.15 At Long Last Love (1975): Peter Bogdanovich's homage to the Astaire-Rogers musicals of the Thirties
4.15 Toby McTeague (1985): A boy living in the wilds of Canada discovers the excitement of dog-sledding
6.15 18 Again (1988): An 81-year-old man and his 18-year-old grandson swap bodies. Starring George Burns and Charlie Schlatter
8.15 Young Einstein (1988): Transplanted to 1906 Australia, the scientist not only discovers the theory of relativity but also discovers surfing and rock 'n' roll. Starring Yahoo Serious 9.50 Spotlight
10.15 Hanna's War (1988): The true story of Hannah Senesh, who was recruited as a resistance fighter by Palestine in 1944. Starring Ellen Burstyn
12.10am The Presidio (1988): A policeman investigating a murder on a military base comes to blows with the provost marshall. Starring Sean Connery and Mark Harmon
1.50 The Killer Elite (1975): A mercenary seeks revenge against a colleague who double-crossed him. Starring James Caan
3.55 Last Rites (1988): The church clashes with the Mafia as a priest (Tom Berenger) tries to protect a young girl. Ends at 5.25

SKY SPORTS

● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
8.00am Australian Rules Football 10.00 Breakfast at Wimbledon 12.00 Primetime Wrestling 1.30pm Red Line 2.30 Commonwealth Basketball 4.30 Motor World 5.00 Power Hour Wrestling 6.00 Australian Rugby League 8.00 Wimbledon 10.00 Ringside: Live Boxing 12.00 Test Match Cricket 2.00am Wimbledon

EUROSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Motorsport 9.00 Basketball from Rome 10.30 Triathlon Cannes 11.00 Quadriathlon 11.30 Basketball from Rome 1.00pm Offshore St Tropez 1.30 Marathon Sables 2.00 Motocross 2.30 Tour de France 4.00 Football Lisboa 20 Years Old Final 5.30 Cycling: Tour de France 6.30 Motorsport 7.30 Athletics Oslo 10.30 Cycling: Tour de France

SCREENSPORT

● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Badminton 8.00 Baseball 10.00 Motor Sport 11.00 Motor Sport 12.00 Stop-Mud and Monsters 1.00pm Golf Tour 4.00 Powersports International 5.00 Copa America 1991 5.30 Pro Superbike 6.00 International Show Jumping 7.15 Formula One Grand Prix Films 7.45 Live Copa America 12.00 FIA International F3000 Championships 1.00am Live Pro Box 3.00 Major League Baseball 5.00 European Rallycross 6.00 Motor Sport

LIFESTYLE

● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm Long John Silver 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 The Sell-a-Vision Shopping Programme 8.00 Close 10.00 Satellite Jukebox

MTV

● Via the Astra satellite.
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ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 1.10pm Windsurf 1.40 Brand New Life 2.35 New Candid Camera 3.05-5.00 Film: Mysterious Island 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.40 One to One 2.10 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Matlock 4.55 Backstage 5.00-5.30 This is America, Charlie Brown

BORDER
As London except: 1.10pm The Silk Road 2.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.05-5.00 Film: The Doughgirls 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Superboy

CENTRAL
As London except: 1.40pm Film: The Flying Scot 2.55-5.00 Film: Scott of the Antarctic 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.40 The Forum Presents (Herbie Mann) 2.35 CinemAttractions 3.05 Friday the 13th — The Series 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.30-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRAMPIAN
As London except: 1.10pm Seall 1.40 This is America, Charlie Brown 3.05-5.00 Film: OSS 117 Double Agent 5.10 Criomagan 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Superboy

GRANADA
As London except: 1.10pm Hard Time on Planet Earth 2.05 UK Mountain Bike Challenge Cup 3.30-5.00 McCloud 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.35 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Superboy

HTV WEST
As London except: 1.40pm Film: Behind the Mask 3.30 UK Aerobics Championships 4.00-5.00 Deep Blue Thunder 5.15-6.15 The A-Team.

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: No variations

SCOTTISH
As London except: 1.10pm Seall 1.40 The Wonderful World of Disney 2.35-5.00 Film: Superman 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.40 Friday the 13th 2.35 CinemAttractions 3.05 Film: Storm Over the Nile 5.05-5.30 Jobfinder

TSW
As London except: 1.10pm Windsurf 1.40 The South West Week 2.10 Film: The Man Who Wouldn't Talk 4.00-5.00 Horse Trials 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Superboy

TVS
As London except: 1.10pm International Yacht Racing 12.40 Soccer in the 70s 2.10 The Life and Times of Grizzly Adams 3.05-5.00 Film: The Vengeance of She 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.40 America's Top Ten 2.10 CinemAttractions 2.40 Night Gallery 3.00 Ice Hockey 4.00 Murphy's Law 5.00-5.30 Rallycross

TYNE TEES
As London except: 1.10pm World of Guinness Records 1.25 Matlock 2.25 Horse Trials 3.25-5.00 McCloud 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Superboy

ULSTER
As London except: 1.10pm Wrestling 2.10 The A-Team 3.10 The Munsters Today 3.45 Highway to Heaven 4.45-5.00 Cartoon Time 5.15-6.15 Magnum 1.40 The Twilight Zone 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 CinemAttractions 4.30 America's Top Ten 5.00-5.30 Superbov

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 1.10pm McCloud 2.35 Film: Battleflag 4.50-5.00 Cartoon Time 5.15-6.15 The A-Team 1.40 Backstage 2.00 The Hit Man and Her 4.00 Special Squad 4.50 Superboy 5.15-5.30 The Best in Football

S4C
Starts: 6.00am Comic Book 7.00 Crosstalk 7.30 Pet World 8.00 Trans World Sport 9.00 News Summary 9.04 C4 Racing — The Morning Line 9.25 Slot Sadwrn 11.30 Australian Rules Football 12.30 Kabaddi 1.00 Film: With a Song in my Heart 3.10 Channel 4 Racing from Sandown 5.10 Brookside 6.30 Tour de France 1991 7.00 Newyddion 7.10 Gemau Heb Ffiniau 8.35 Film: How I Won the War 10.35 Frank's Place 11.05 Manhattan Cable 11.50 The Oprah Winfrey Show 12.40 Diwedd

RTE 1
Starts: 11.10am Rocky Hollow 11.15 Ducktales 11.40 The Minikins 12.05 Storybook International 12.30 Haydaze 1.00 Chips 1.55 News followed by The Disney Hour 2.50 Beyond 2000 3.35 Film: Scared Stiff 5.30 Family Ties 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 News 6.15 All Change 6.40 Tar Amach Faoin Aer 7.10 Star Trek: The Next Generation 8.00 The Daniel O'Donnell Show 9.00 News 9.20 Frederick Forsyth Presents... 11.05 The Lonesome Pine Specials 12.05 News 12.10 Close

NETWORK 2
Starts: 12.30pm News 12.34 Sports Stadium 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 Wings Over the World 8.00 News 8.05 All the Rivers Run 9.00 North View 9.50 Film: Young Man with a Horn 11.45 Close

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RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 10.00 Dave Lee Travis 1.00pm Adrian Juste 2.00 Minneapolis Rambled: A revised version of Mark Goodier's Evening Session from Minneapolis 3.00 The Saturday Sequence with Richard Skinner 7.00 The Saturday Rock Show with Alan Freeman 10.00 In Concert: Richard Thompson and Crowded House, recorded at The Borderline, London, in June 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Neale James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am Alex Lester: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight: The Saturday Show 8.05 Ronnie Hilton: Sounds of the Fifties 9.00 Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties 10.00 Anne Robinson 12.00 Gerald Harper 1.30pm [illegible] 2.00 Ed Stewart 4.00 Acker's Away: Acker Bilk and the Paramount Jazz Band 4.30 [illegible] in Concert 5.00 Cinema 2 5.30 The Movie Quiz 6.00 Bob [illegible]s. Songs about the famous and the infamous (2 of 8) (r) [illegible] Blackpool 7.30 Sequence Time 8.30 Saturday Gala Night: [illegible] 9.30 Easy Does It 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme 12.05am Brian Matthew: Sounds of the Sixties (r) 1.00 Patrick Lunt with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 hours 6.30 Morning Edition, incl at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 News and Sport; On Your Marks 12.00 News and Sport; Sport on 4 Plus 1 (broadcast on Radio 4 at 9.05am) 12.30pm Sportscall: Win a year's subscription to Golf World magazine. Tel: 0345 909 693 1.30 Sport on 5 with John Inverdale. Wimbledon '91: The Ladies' Final; Cricket: England v West Indies, third day of the third Test at Trent Bridge; Racing from Ascot: (4.10) Coral Eclipse Stakes 6.00 News; As Radio 4 7.10 Cricket Scoreboard 7.15 Talking Poetry (r) 7.45 As Radio 4 8.45 International Athletics: The Bislett Games from Oslo, including coverage of the Dream Mile 10.30 [illegible]. Orson Welles hosts the Fifties crime series 11.00 Sports Bulletin 11.15 Fanshawe on Five (r) 12.00-12.15am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am The World Today 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 Newsdesk 6.30 Londres Matin 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Meridian 8.00 World News 8.09 24 Hours; News Summary 8.30 From the Weeklies 8.45 [illegible] 9.00 World News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 A Jolly Good Show 10.00 World News 10.09 Newsguide 10.15 [illegible] 10.30 People and Politics 11.00 World News 11.09 [illegible] 11.15 [illegible] 11.30 [illegible] 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm Meridian 1.00 World News 1.09 News about Britain 1.15 Multitrack 3 1.45 Sports Roundup 2.00 Newshour 3.00 News Summary 3.01 Sportsworld 4.00 World News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 World and British News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 [illegible] 5.45 Letter from America 6.29 News Summary 6.30 Heute Aktuell 7.00 [illegible] 7.54 News in German 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith 8.15 [illegible] 9.00 World News 9.09 Personal View 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Meridian 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Seeing Stars 11.20 Jazz for the Asking 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30am [illegible] 1.00 World News 1.09 [illegible] 1.15 [illegible] 1.30 [illegible] 2.00 News Summary 2.01 Play of the Week: The Physicists 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 [illegible] 4.00 [illegible] 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 [illegible] Our Own Correspondent 4.35 [illegible] 4.45 News and Features in German

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only) **6.55** Weather; News
7.00 Morning Concert: Handel (As Steals the Morn, L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il Moderato); Haydn (Symphony No 73 in D, La Chasse)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Weill (Kleine Dreigroschenmusik: Gulbenkian Orchestra under Michel Swierczewski); Tippett (Little Music for String Orchestra: Academy of St Martin-in-the-Fields under Neville Marriner); Ginastera (Three Argentinian Dances: Santiago Rodriquez, piano); Canteloube (Songs of the Auvergne: ECO under Yan Pascal Tortelier)
8.30 News
8.35 Haydn and Dvořák: Barbican Piano Trio plays Haydn (Trio in E minor, H XV 12); Dvořák (Trio in E minor, Op 90, Dumky) (r)
9.30 Record Release (FM only from 10.55): Rachmaninov, orch Respighi (Five Etudes-tableaux: LPO under Rozhdestvensky); Brahms (Serenade No 1 — original version for nonet reconstructed by Alan Boustead: Academy of St Martin Chamber Ensemble); Debussy, orch Stokowski (La Soirée dans Grenade; La Cathédrale engloutie: Philharmonia under Geoffrey Simon); Britten (Simple Symphony: Britten String Quartet)
10.55-6.30pm Test Match Special (MW only): England v West Indies. Third day of the third Test at Trent Bridge. **1.05pm** News. **1.10** A View from the Boundary. **1.30** County Scoreboard. **1.40-6.30** Commentary
11.20 Chamber Orchestra of Europe (FM only) under Sándor Végh performs Haydn (Symphony No 48 in C, Maria Theresia); Mozart (Flute Concerto in G, K 313: Thierry Fischer); Mozart (Symphony No 38 in D, Prague), incl **12.10** Interval Reading
12.55pm Words (FM only): The composer and record producer John Walters reflects on language
1.00 News (FM only)
1.05 Radu Lupu (FM only): The pianist plays Schumann (Kinderszenen, Op 15; Etudes symphoniques, Op 13 and Op posth) (r)
2.05 BBC SO (FM only) under Rozhdestvensky performs Bruckner (Symphony No 5) (r)
3.30 Tuning Up (FM only), with Chris de Souza. The final programme in the series features a concert given at the Wigmore Hall in London by the Grieg Trio, winners of this year's Parkhouse Award. Grieg (Andante con moto); Mozart (Piano Trio in G, K 564); Martin (Trio on Irish Folk Tunes); Brahms (Piano Trio in C, Op 87)
5.00 Jazz Record Requests (FM only)
5.45 Mozart on Record (FM only until 6.30): The Early Symphonies. In the first of 11 programmes, Leo Black examines the symphonies of Mozart's late teens (r)
6.45 Bagatelles: The pianist Richard McMahon plays Beethoven (Bagatelles, Op 119 and Op 126); Daniel Jones (Bagatelles, Set 3)
7.30 The Birthday of the Infanta
● CHOICE: After Oscar Wilde's tear-jerker of a story about the princess and the dwarf has been read by Paul McGann (mercifully, non-lachrymosely), we are well placed to judge how well the tale fares in other hands. And so, at 7.45, we hear the first UK performance of Franz Schreker's ballet music for *Der Geburtstag der Infantin*, followed at 8.10 by Ian Brunskill's and Gwen Hughes's new English version of Zemlinski's opera *Der Zwerg*, with Christine Whittlesey as the Infanta and Graeme Matheson-Bruce as Wilde's doomed dwarf. Lothar Zagrosek conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra
9.40 Bach via Busoni: Hélène Grimaud plays Busoni's piano transcription of the Chaconne from Bach's Solo Violin Partita in D minor
10.00 BBC Scottish SO under Thomas Sanderling performs Brahms (Academic Festival Overture); Haydn (Symphony No 39 in G minor)
10.35 Domus plays Beethoven (Piano Quartet in E flat, Op 16); Casken (Piano Quartet — Birmingham Chamber Music Society commission, first performance); Schubert (Piano Quintet in A, D 667, Trout)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing, incl **6.03** Weather **6.10** Farming Week: Live reports from the Royal Show in Stoneleigh **6.50** Prayer for the Day **6.55** Weather **7.00** Today, incl **7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **7.55, 8.58** Weather
9.00 News **9.05** Sport on 4
9.30 Breakaway visits the mountainous Caucasus region of the southern USSR
10.00 News; Loose Ends: Ned Sherrin hosts an hour of live interjections. Last in the series
11.00 News; The Week in Westminster, with Peter Jenkins, associate editor of *The Independent* (s)
11.30 Europhile: Gordon Clough looks behind the headlines in the European papers
12.00 Money Box Moneycheck (new series): The *Money Box* roadshow dispenses financial advice at Dartington Hall in Devon (s)
12.25pm I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue: Humphrey Lyttelton chairs the classic panel game (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 News
1.10 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby is joined in the Welsh town of Aberdare by Harriet Harman, MP; Dr Ann Robinson; Rhodri Glyn Thomas; and David Willets (r) **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Any Answers? 071-580 4411. Listeners can ring Jonathan Dimbleby with their views on the issues raised in *Any Questions?*
2.30 Saturday Playhouse: Golfing in Russia. Thomas McLaughlin's comedy about Stephen (B.J. Hogg), a bored assistant manager of a Belfast off-licence, who persuades the Russians that he is a famous golfer and is invited to Moscow (s)
3.45 Laughing God: Small Town Wit. The Rev Dr Colin Morris examines the religious significance of humour (s) (r)
4.00 Musician at Large: Steve Race celebrates 50 years as a broadcaster (2 of 5) (s) (r)
4.30 Science Now: This week's solar eclipse
5.00 Conversation Piece (new series)
● CHOICE: Interviewer Sue MacGregor has the knack of luring her subjects towards crossroads, the imminence of which they might prefer not to acknowledge publicly. The gift is heard at its best in this interview with Michael Pennington, co-founder of the English Shakespeare Company which spends half the year touring abroad to keep its head above water. Painting, on his behalf, an overseas tour picture that is mainly grey, MacGregor then wheedles out of the actor-manager the revelation that he intends to make a break from this "damnably disorientating life" and, moreover, that from that very moment, he is open to offers (r)
5.25 Little Blighty on the Down (new series) (s) (r) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News; Sports Round-Up
6.25 Citizens: Omnibus edition
7.10 Ad Lib: Robert Robinson eavesdrops on conversations around the country
7.45 Classic Serial: Sense and Sensibility. The third of a four-part adaptation of Jane Austen's novel (s)
8.45 Kaleidoscope: Midi Magic. The composer and electronic music expert Mike Steer explores the potential of musical instrument digital interface (s)
9.15 Music in Mind (s)
9.50 Ten to Ten (s) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News **10.15** Open Mind
10.45 Truth to Tell: The Real Robinson Crusoe. Anthony Smith tells the last of six true stories
11.00 The Tingle Factor: Robin Ray asks John Williams about the moments in music which send a shiver down his spine (s) (r)
11.30 Parodies Lost: The last of six comedy shows in which guests are taken on a literary mystery tour. Bernard Cribbins, Rachel Heyhoe-Flint and Douglas Adams pace the mean streets of Los Chandleresa (r)
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping

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BBC 1

7.10 Open University: The Future of Print **7.35** History — The Photographer as Witness **8.00** Deep Secrets **8.25** Maths: Differential Equations. Ends at **8.50**
8.55 Playdays (r) **9.15 Movable Feasts** Children's multi-faith drama-documentary series (r)
9.30 This is The Day. Linda Mary Evans meets Father Stephen Maxfield and his wife Catherine, who lead a small Greek Orthodox congregation in mid-Wales
10.00 Film: The Outcast (1954). Zippy but banal western set in Colorado in the 1880s. John Derek stars as Jet Cosgrave who has hired nine gunmen and is determined to revenge himself on the uncle who has cheated him out of his inheritance — the valuable Circle C ranch. Directed by William Witney
11.25 Betty Boop Double Bill. Two animations — *Mask a Raid* and *Mothergoose Land*
11.40 Bazaar. Hints for the home presented by Nerys Hughes (r)
12.05 Sign Extra: Taking Liberties — Fatal Error. Magazine for the hearing impaired. A look at the cause of the 1989 air disaster, when a brand new British Midlands Boeing 737 crashed on the M1 near Kegworth
12.30 Country File. John Craven introduces a report by Janet Trewin on the increasing use of homoeopathy and acupuncture by Britain's vets. Wales: Farming in Wales **12.55 Weather**
1.00 News followed by **On the Record.** Nicholas Ridley, MP, gives a personal view of the reasons behind Margaret Thatcher's downfall; and Sarah Benton examines the Labour party's search for radical policies for the consumer age
2.00 EastEnders. Omnibus edition (r). (Ceefax) **3.00 Dallas.** JR's way of life is threatened when LeeAnn and Shelly plot his downfall. (Ceefax) **3.45 Barney Bear** in *Prospecting Bear.* Cartoon
3.55 The World's Strongest Man. A competition of muscle and endurance from Joensuu, Finland between eight of the world's toughest athletes for the DAF Trophy (r). (Ceefax)

The nature of Britain: Julian Pettifer and Jill Dando (4.55pm)

4.55 Safari UK. At the start of a new 12-part series, Jill Dando and Julian Pettifer are "on safari" in the heart of London, at the Wildlife, Conservation and Environment exhibition at Olympia. Plus a badger watch in a Cotswold wood and searching for the elusive otter in Devon
5.55 Masterchef. Loyd Grossman presents the third semi-final in the search to find Britain's best amateur chef. The judges are naturalist David Bellamy and Myrtle Allen, chef at Ballymaloe House in County Cork. (Ceefax)
6.25 News with Moira Stuart. Weather
6.40 Titchmarsh's Travels. Alan Titchmarsh visits Glastonbury at the start of a six-part series of journeys in Britain and Ireland, exploring what the past has to offer to the modern spiritual pilgrim. At the traditional starting point near Winchester, Titchmarsh collects his "wayfarer's dole" of bread and ale and then travels on through Wells to Glastonbury, traditionally associated with King Arthur, Joseph of Arimathea and the Holy Grail (Ceefax)
7.15 Butterflies. Carla Lane's bitter-sweet sitcom about the mid-life crisis of a suburban housewife, starring Wendy Craig and Geoffrey Palmer (r). (Ceefax)
7.45 Come In Spinner. Concluding the polished wartime drama from Australia. Lisa Harrow, Rebecca Gibney and Kerry Armstrong are three women working in the beauty salon of the Pacific Hotel in Sydney in 1944. Marriages are under strain and difficult moral choices are being made. (Ceefax)
9.25 News with Martyn Lewis. (Ceefax) Weather
9.40 Today at Wimbledon. Highlights of the men's singles final, presented by Harry Carpenter
10.40 Heart of the Matter: School's Out. In Northern Ireland, 99 per cent of school children go to separate schools depending on their religion. Joan Bakewell is in the province talking to pupils, parents, teachers and the clergy to see whether they think new moves to integrate Catholic and Protestant under one roof is the best way forward
11.15 The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd. Molly is confronted by her past and wonders whether her future should include a job in publishing
11.10 Making Their Mark. Artist Charlotte Fawley talks about the different techniques she uses to capture movement on paper (r)
12.10am Mahabharat. Episode 53. In Hindi with English subtitles (r)
12.50 Weather

BBC 2

6.35 Open University: Nuclear Weapons: Capability **7.00** Public Health: Noise **7.25** Calculus: Taylor Polynomials **7.50** A Woman's Hospital? **8.15** An Office Career **8.40** The March of Aluminium **9.05** Mastering Management **9.30** Mechanical Manipulation **9.55** Victorians and the Art of the Past **10.20** Biology Form and Function **10.45** Maths: Conics **11.10** Open Forum Magazine: News and Views on the OU **11.35** Science: Rats and Super Rats
12.00 Regional Parliamentary programmes
12.30 Scrutiny. Iain MacWhirter presents highlights from the hearings of parliamentary committees as they scrutinise the work of the government. (Ceefax)
1.00 Open University: Walk Softly on the Earth. Ministers from European governments met in May 1990 to consider international strategies aimed at halting environmental deterioration. But what would these strategies be and how would they be put into practice?
1.25 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. At **2.00** Tennis: the final of the Wimbledon men's singles championship followed by the mixed doubles final. If time allows there will be motor racing highlights of the French grand prix from the Magny-Cours circuit at Nevers in the Bourbonnais region. The commentators are Murray Walker and James Hunt
8.05 Redemption Song: Out of Africa.
● CHOICE: Stuart Hall's series on the Caribbean moves on to Haiti, where the African heritage has been least diluted by European colonisation. His potted history celebrates Haiti's successful fight for independence under the great revolutionary, Toussaint d'Ouverture, but omits reference to the less creditable episode of Papa Doc. Nor does Hall explore the possible connection between the expulsion of the Europeans and Haiti's unwanted boast of being the poorest nation in the Western hemisphere. Instead he concentrates on the less contentious areas of art and religion, praising Haiti's rich achievement in native painting and showing that voodoo is not the devilish creed of popular myth. Hall balances his survey of Haiti with a contrasting look at Jamaica, charting the attempts of rastafarianism and the back to Africa movement to challenge European hegemony. (Ceefax)
8.55 In My Defence: Deeds, Not Words. Drama series, written by Jack Emery, about people who have passionately defended their beliefs or acts. Eileen Atkins plays Emmeline Pankhurst, one of the founders of the suffragette movement who was charged with "unlawful conspiracy" by inciting women to damage property during their struggle to gain the vote. The drama centres onher appearance in court and her eloquent speech of self-defence. (Ceefax)

A hot tub of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll: Mick Jagger (9.25pm)

9.25 Film: Performance (1970). Gangland strong-arm man Chas Devlin (James Fox) offends his employer and hides from his pursuers in the Notting Hill house of retired rock star recluse Turner (Mick Jagger) and his two girlfriends (Anita Pallenberg and Michele Breton). But Turner is not as weak as he seems and Chas is not as strong and soon roles are being reversed. Nic Roeg's stylish and unsettling film, co-directed with Donald Cammell, intercuts gangland violence with a drug/rock scene to produce a highly original thriller where cultures clash and personalities are less than fixed. (Ceefax)
11.10 French Grand Prix. Murray Walker and James Hunt introduce highlights from the French grand prix. Ends at **12.05**

ITV

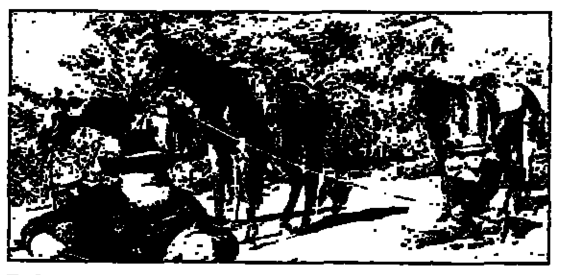
6.00 TV-am with, at **8.00 Even on Sunday.** Maya Even's current affairs magazine
9.25 Film: The Salt Prince (1983). A live action fairy tale from Czechoslovakia in which a king has three daughters to marry off. Directed by Martin Holly
10.45 Link. How does having a disability affect the work of artists Philip Ridler and Maria Oshodi?
11.00 Morning Worship from St Nicholas's Church, HMS Drake in Devonport
12.00 Heartland. A portrait of Father Niall O'Brien, an Irish priest fighting for justice on the sugar-growing island of Negros in the Philippines
12.30 LWT News Weekend. Weekly news magazine
1.00 News and weather
1.10 International Rugby Union. Highlights of Argentina v New Zealand in Buenos Aires. Followed by **The Day**
2.10 An Invitation to Remember. Lord Miles recalls his life and career
2.40 Film: Bless This House (1972). A feature-length version of the Seventies television sitcom starring Sid James, Terry Scott and Peter Butterworth. Directed by Gerald Thomas
4.20 Film: At the Earth's Core (1976). An enjoyable family science-fiction adventure with a very familiar plot — a British boffin and an American leading man encounter a mythic land populated by giant animals. Directed by Kevin Connor
6.00 City Safari: Untamed London. A documentary that reveals the diversity of wildlife in the capital. Narrated by Gavin Weightman (r)
6.30 News and weather **6.35 LWT News** followed by weather
6.40 Appeal by Judith Chalmers on behalf of the Holiday Care Service
6.45 Castle's Abroad. Roy Castle visits the Marian shrine of Czestochowa on Bright Mountain in the south of Poland
7.15 Trouble in Mind. Uninspired sitcom starring Richard O'Sullivan and Susan Penhaligon as a psychiatrist and his wife
7.45 Father Dowling Investigates. Another case for Chicago parish priest Father Frank Dowling (Tom Bosley) and his wild-eyed accomplice Sister Steve (Tracy Nelson). (Teletext)
8.45 News and weather **9.00 LWT Weather**

A potent mixture: Gillian Barge and Emer Gillespie (9.05pm)

9.05 Chimera.
● CHOICE: Young nurse Tracy (Emer Gillespie) has a row with boyfriend Peter (John Lynch) and stomps off up north to work in a research clinic. She begins to wish she had stayed in London. The Yorkshire countryside may be paradise but the clinic is hardly what she expected. Helping infertile women to have babies is only a cover for more sinister work, which backfires spectacularly towards the end of tonight's opening episode. Stephen Gallagher's genetic engineering thriller, adapted by him from his book, shows every sign of making an effective transfer from novel to screen. The mix of science fiction, horror and political intrigue is a potent one and the characters are not bad, either. So far Gillespie holds centre stage but we can expect to see more of Lynch (star with Helen Mirren of the Irish film, *Cal*) and of the reliable Kenneth Cranham, as a government man determined to keep a lid on the scandal. (Teletext)
10.05 The South Bank Show: Julian Barnes.
● CHOICE: Melvyn Bragg hosts a useful and unpretentious introduction to "one of the most inventive writers on the literary scene". Half the programme is devoted to the latest Barnes work, *Talking It Over*, which treats the theme of obsessive love. Barnes is all in favour of it. Non-obsessive love, he reckons, is the equivalent of alcohol-free beer. Dramatised excerpts and a lengthy discussion may persuade viewers either to rush out and buy the book or decide they do not need to. Bragg raises the question of whether Barnes has stretched the concept of the novel beyond acceptable limits. Barnes retorts with an American critic's definition: "A novel is a long piece of prose with something wrong with it"
11.05 Summer on the Estate. A series following the tenants of the Kingshold Estate in Hackney throughout the summer of 1990
11.50 The ITV Chart Show (r)
12.50am New Music. More celebrity interviews and pop videos
1.50 Derrick. German police drama starring Horst Tappert
3.00 Pick of the Week. Highlights from regional television
3.30 Police Precinct. Police drama from France
4.25 Adventure hosted by Christopher Reeve
4.55 The Magic Wok. More Chinese culinary delights
5.30 ITN Morning News. Ends at **6.00**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Trans World Sport (r) **7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Alfred J. Kwak 8.00 Sharky and George 8.30 Raiders of the South Seas.** Children's drama series **8.55 Kid 'n' Play.** The animated adventures of two characters from the film *House Party*
9.25 The Sword of Tipu Sultan. A new Indian drama series set in the 18th century state of Mysore. In Hindi with English subtitles
10.00 A Week in Politics — Second Reading. Includes the housing minister, George Young, on homelessness
10.45 Dennis. Cartoon **11.00 The Beverly Hillbillies** (b/w) **11.30 The Lone Ranger** (b/w). Vintage western series **12.00 The Waltons 1.00 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea** (b/w). Vintage sci-fi adventures
2.00 Film: Journey Together (1945, b/w). An absorbing second world war documentary drama produced as propaganda for the Flight Training Command and written by Terence Rattigan and John Boulting. The film follows the progression of two would-be pilots (Richard Attenborough and Jack Watling) through their training and the former's slow realisation of his true talents. Edward G Robinson appeared without fee as an American pilot-training officer. Directed by John Boulting
3.45 Pete Smith Specialities: A Wife's Life (b/w). Dave O'Brien explores the problems of being a 1950s housewife
3.55 The Best of For Love or Money. Updated highlights of the art and antiques collecting show with special reports on French flea markets and the mysterious cubist artist, Huberti
4.25 Pursuit of Power. Adam Raphael interviews Labour MP and shadow health spokeswoman Harriet Harman about her personal beliefs and values
4.55 News summary and weather
5.00 Family Pride. Birmingham-based soap about three Asian families
5.30 Tour de France 1991: Lyon. The second stage — the first road race
6.30 The Cosby Show. American sitcom


Endangered species: mountain cattlemen of Australia (7.00pm)

7.00 Fragile Earth: Australia's Mountain Cattlemen.
● CHOICE: For some 150 years cattle grazing in the high country of Australia has provided generations of families with a living and a way of life. It has also helped to sustain the Australian myth of the rugged individual. But the annual crusade into the Blue Mountains of New South Wales may soon be a thing of the past. The cattlemen are under attack from, ironically, conservationists, who claim that the beasts are polluting the streams, destroying vegetation and hastening the erosion of the soil. As they await what could be a death sentence, the cattlemen have a higher popular profile than ever before. They are a magnet for tourists, their clothes are marketed and they turn up as characters in films. If the high country is opened up, these sturdy Australians could become no more than attractions in a theme park. Whether that is preferable to bankruptcy is a nice point. (Teletext)
8.00 Time Signs. A series tracing the history of Wolf Valley in Devon. In this programme, a field with a single building holds clues to a missing village where more than 30 people lived in the 19th century
8.30 A Sense of Belonging: Exile. A series looking at the Jewish community in Britain. Tonight's film focuses on the ways in which Jewish people have coped through 2,000 years of exile from the Promised Land and how far their identity has been compromised to accommodate "Britishness"
9.30 Go Fishing. Angler John Wilson is on Northern Ireland's river Bann with world champions Bob Nudd and Kevin Ashurst
10.00 G.B.H: Message Received. A repeat of episode five. (Teletext)
11.35 The Street: Not Like the Good Old Days. First in a new series of the realistic police show following the four New Jersey officers who share car 260. The series aims to provide an antidote to the glossy cinematic style used for most filmed drama in the United States with its use of (often hand-held) video cameras and location filming. Officers Peluso (Bruce MacVittie) and Scolari (Stanley Tucci) realise how difficult their job has become with little back-up support
12.05am Town and Country: Rodney Crowell. The first of two programmes rounding off the series on American country music which was interrupted by Gulf coverage. Featuring the Texan rocker, Rodney Crowell
1.05 Tour de France. A repeat of the programme shown at 5.30. Ends at **2.05**

ITV VARIATIONS

ANGLIA
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Farming Diary 2.05 Members Only 2.30 The Royal Show 3.00 Biggin Hill Air Show 4.00 Cartoon Time 4.10 Film: The Amazing Mr Blunden 6.00-6.30 Heirloom 11.05 Film: House of the Long Shadows 1.00 CinemAttractions 1.30 Film: Donna, Donna! 3.05 The Twilight Zone 3.30 Vivid 4.00 America's Top Ten 4.30 to 5.30 The Silk Road II

BORDER
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.05 Cartoon Time 2.15 The Royal Show 2.45 McCloud 4.35 Great British Isles 5.05 Highway to Heaven 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 12.30 Quiz Night 1.00 The Alien Years 1.55 Film: Sands of the Kalahari (Stanley Baker, Susannah York) 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00 to 5.30 Jobfinder

CENTRAL
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.05 Figure Skating 3.00 Film: The Girl, the Gold Watch & Everything 4.50 Cartoon Time 5.00 Hard Time on Planet Earth 6.00-6.30 Wheel of Fortune 11.05 Film: Mutiny on the Buses 12.45 Prisoner: Cell Block H 1.40 The ITV Chart Show 2.40 Film: Legs 4.25-5.30 Central Jobfinder '91

GRANADA
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Jack Thompson Down Under 2.05 Santa Barbara 3.00 Film: The Girl, the Gold Watch and Dynamite 4.50 Cartoon Time 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Married...with Children 12.30 Quiz Night 1.00 The Alien Years 1.55 Film: Sands of the Kalahari 4.10 The ITV Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobfinder

HTV WEST
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Portrait of the Wild 1.10 Heidi 2.00 People On Sunday 2.30 HTV Newsweek 3.00 International Rugby Union 3.55 Film: Tiger of the Seven Seas 5.30-6.30 Horse Trials 11.05 Great British Isles 11.35-11.50 Ski With Klammer

HTV WALES
As HTV West except: 12.30pm-1.00 Survival — the First 30 Years 2.00 Farming Wales 2.30-3.00 Wales on Sunday

TSW
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 TSW Farming Week 2.05 Off the Hook! 2.35 Coronation Street 3.30 Film: The Hasty Heart 5.30 Arthur — Riddles of the King 6.00-6.30 Coach 11.05 In the Heat of the Night 12.00 On The Live Side 12.30 Quiz Night 1.00 Alien Years 1.55 Film: Sands of the Kalahari 4.10 Chart Show 5.00 Jobs

TVS
As London except: 12.30pm News followed by Agenda 2.05 World of Disney 3.00 Cartoon Time 3.10 Film: The Amazing Mr Blunden 5.00 My Secret Identity 5.30 Heirloom 6.00-6.30 Tell the Truth 11.05 The Human Factor 11.35 Up the Junction 12.20 Chart Show 1.20 Film: From Here to Eternity 3.30 Pick of the Week 4.00 The Hitmen and Her 5.00-5.30 A Taste of the South

TYNE TEES
As London except: 12.25pm-1.00 Land of the Dragon 2.05 Way of the Lakes 2.35 The Highland Cross '91 3.35 Who's the Boss? 4.05 Highway to Heaven 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Coach 12.30 Quiz Night 1.00 The Alien Years 1.55 Film: Sands of the Kalahari 4.10 Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobs

ULSTER
As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Gardening Time 2.00 Rallying 2.30 Film: Son of Robin Hood 4.05 Rock School 5.05 Bullseye 5.35-6.30 Coronation Street 11.05 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.00 Jazz 12.30 Quiz Night 1.00 Alien Years 1.55 Film: Sands of the Kalahari 4.10 Chart Show 5.00-5.30 Jobs

YORKSHIRE
As London except: 12.25pm Heidi in the Mountains 12.50-1.00 Calendar News 1.10 World of Disney 2.10 Rugby Union 3.05 Film: Tiger Bay* 5.00 Last Frontier 6.00-6.30 The River Thames 11.05 The Law and Harry McGraw 12.00 Alfred Hitchcock 12.30 Pick of the Week 1.05 Twilight Zone 1.30 Chart Show 2.30 The Shakespeare Trilogy 3.00 Birdmen and Birdsongs 4.00 Short Story Theatre 4.30-5.30 Jobs

S4C
Starts: 6.00am Trans World Sport 7.00 Eureeka's Castle 7.30 Alfred J Kwak 8.00 Sharkey and George 8.30 Raiders of the South Seas 8.55 Kid 'N' Play 9.25 The Adventures of TinTin 9.30 Listening Eye 10.00 A Week in Politics 10.45 Voyage to the Bottom of the Sea* 11.45 Painted Tales 12.00 The Waltons 12.55 Now You're Talking 1.20 O Bedwar Ban 1.30 Europe Express 2.00 Fragile Earth 3.00 Adventures 4.00 Film: Hollywood Party* 5.20 Automania 2000 5.30 Tour de France 1991 6.30 Rickshaw Man 6.45 San Steffan 7.05 Newyddion 7.10 O Vaughan i Fynwy 8.00 Hel Straeon 8.30 Gwyl Mozart 9.05 Ar Derfyn Dydd 9.15 Re-Play 9.30 Just for Laughs 10.00 GBH 11.35 The Street 12.05-1.05 Town and Country

NETWORK 2
Starts: 11.35am Sesame Street 12.35 Son of the Sahara 12.55 Ulysses 31 1.25 Green Fingers 1.55 Wimbledon 91 6.00 The Flying Doctors 6.55 Nuacht 7.00 A Cup of Courage 8.00 News 8.03 The Sunday Game 9.35 Playhouse: Tumbledown 11.40 Close

SATELLITE

SKY ONE
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Bailey's Bird 6.30 Castaway 7.00 Fun Factory 11.00 Eight is Enough 12.00 That's Incredible 1.00pm The New Adventures of Wonder Woman 2.00 WWF Superstars of Wrestling 3.00 Those Amazing Animals 4.00 The Love Boat 5.00 Small Wonder 5.30 Sky Star Search 6.30 The Simpsons 7.00 21 Jump Street 8.00 The Chisholms: First of a three-part mini series 11.00 Falcon Crest 12.00 Entertainment Tonight 1.00am Pages from Skytext

SKY NEWS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites. News on the hour.
5.00am Sunrise 5.30 Target 9.30 Daytime 10.30 Those Were the Days 11.30 Holiday Destinations 12.30pm Financial Times Business Weekly 1.30pm Target 2.30 Roving Report 3.30 The Lords 4.30 Those Were the Days 5.00 Live at Five 6.30 Roving Report 7.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 8.30 Target 10.30 Roving Report 11.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 12.30am Target 1.30 Financial Times Business Weekly 2.30 Those Were the Days 3.30 Holiday Destinations 4.30 Health Circuit

SKY MOVIES+
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Showcase, incl at 7.40 Entertainment Tonight
8.00 Oh, God! (1977): The Supreme Being (George Burns) returns to Earth and picks a mild-mannered supermarket manager to help him spread the word
10.00 Ghostbusters 2 (1989): The team's supernatural foe is a warrior named Vigo. Starring Bill Murray and Dan Aykroyd
11.50 The Accidental Tourist (1988): Comedy drama about a divorced man whose secure world is threatened by a quirky dog trainer. Starring William Hurt
2.00pm Crossing Delancey (1988): A thirtysomething Jewish woman searches for Mr Right. Starring Amy Irving
3.35 Carry On Chaos
4.00 Beaches (1988): The story of a friendship between two women which lasts for 30 years. Starring Bette Midler and Barbara Hershey
6.10 Police Academy 6: City Under Siege (1989): The cadets take on the Wilson Heights Gang. Starring Bubba Smith
7.40 Projector
8.00 Married to the Mob (1989): Comedy about a mobster's widow (Michelle Pfeiffer), who tries to break free from the Mafia
10.00 Deadly Addiction (1988): A renegade cop wages a one-man war on the Los Angeles drugs gangs after his wife is murdered. Starring Joseph Jennings
11.40 Nightflyers (1988): A supernatural presence threatens the crew members of an intergalactic vessel. Starring Catherine Mary Stewart
1.10 Kandyland (1987): A young strip-tease artiste finds her life in danger. Starring Kim Evenson
2.40 Crazy Moon (1986): An eccentric rich boy falls in love with a free-spirited deaf girl. Starring Kiefer Sutherland
4.10 Red Scorpion (1989): Dolph Lundgren stars as a Russian agent who is sent to Africa to kill a rebel agent. Ends at 5.50

THE MOVIE CHANNEL
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.15am The New Land (1971): In the 19th century, a peasant farmer and his wife emigrate to the United States. Starring Max von Sydow and Liv Ullman
9.00 The Dirt Bike Kid (1986): A young boy uses a special cross-country motorbike to defeat a money-grabbing businessman. Starring Peter Billingsley
10.40 The Emerald City of Oz (1987): An animated film based on L. Frank Baum's children's books about the land of Oz
12.20pm The Cocoanuts (1929, b/w): A Marx Brothers' comedy in which the quartet causes chaos in a Florida Hotel
2.15 Columbo: Agenda for Murder (1973): Detective Columbo clashes with a murderous but brilliant attorney. Starring Peter Falk and Patrick McGoohan
4.00 The China Syndrome (1979): Michael Douglas and Jane Fonda try to expose the attempted cover-up of an accident at a nuclear power station
6.15 The Karate Kid III (1989): The Kid is forced to use his martial arts prowess to defeat his arch enemy. Starring Ralph Macchio and Pat Morita
8.15 Back to the Future 2 (1989): Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox) travels both forwards and backwards in time to protect his offspring and his own genesis
10.15 The Rachel Papers (1989): A young man approaching his twentieth birthday has nothing but women on his mind. Starring Dexter Fletcher and Ione Sky
11.50 Friday the 13th, Part Three (1982): Psychotic killer Jason preys on another group of teenagers on holiday at Crystal Lake. Starring Dana Kimmell
1.25 Friday the 13th, Part Four: The Final Chapter (1984): Crystal Lake loses its favourite mass-murderer but a replacement is in the offing. Starring Crispin Glover
3.00 Friday the 13th, Part Five: A New Beginning (1985): Jason's killer checks into Crystal Lake, a camp for disturbed teenagers. Starring John Shepherd. Ends at 4.30

SKY SPORTS
● Via the Astra and Marcopolo satellites.
6.00am Test Match Cricket 10.00 Breakfast at Wimbledon 12.00 Basketball 1.00pm Cricket 6.15 Golf Shoot-Out 8.00 Wimbledon 10.00 Basketball 12.00 Wimbledon

EUROSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
6.00am Trans World Sport 8.00 Basketball Final 10.30 Racing Championships 11.00 Athletics Oslo 1.00pm Offshore Cannes 1.30 Endurance World Championships 2.00 Live Cycling Tour de France 4.00 Motocross World Championships 4.30 Funboard Hawaii 5.30 Cycling Tour de France Highlights 6.30 Football: USSR Cup Final 8.30 Boxing 10.00 Cycling Tour de France

SCREENSPORT
● Via the Astra satellite.
7.00am Grand Prix Sailing 8.00 Show Jumping 9.00 Motor Sport F3 9.30 Alp Rally 10.00 International Athletics 11.00 Motor Sport 12.00 Slop-USWA Wrestling 1.00pm Pro Box 3.00 Diesel Jeans Superbike 4.00 Copa America 5.30 Revs 6.00 Cycling 6.30 Pro Bowlers 7.45 Live Copa America

LIFESTYLE
● Via the Astra satellite.
12.00 Annie Oakley 12.30pm Long John Silver 1.00 The Joan Rivers Show 1.55 The Detectives 2.50 Spain Holiday 3.05 Roller Derby 4.00 Green Hornet 4.25 Film: Crossbar (1978) 6.00 Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 8.00 Close 10.00 Sell-a-Vision Shopping Channel 12.00 Jukebox

MTV
● Via the Astra satellite.
Twenty-four hours of rock and pop

RADIO 3

6.35-6.55am Open University (FM only)
7.00 Morning Concert: Vaughan Williams (Prelude on Rhosymedre); Finzi (Dies natalis)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Milhaud (La Création du monde); Menotti (Cantilena and Scherzo); Ibert (Bacchanale); Lambert (The Rio Grande)
8.30 News
8.35 Maestro de' Concerti: Vivaldi (Concerto in A, RV 585: Concerto Köln; Bassoon Concerto in F, RV 485: Michael McCraw; Drottningholm Baroque Ensemble; Violin Concerto in D, RV 208, Grosso Mogul: Stanley Ritchie, Bach Ensemble under Rifkin)
9.15 Walter Klien: First of four programmes tracing the recorded legacy of the Austrian pianist, who died in February. Mozart (Piano Sonata in B flat, K 281 — BBC Archive Recording); Brahms (Two Intermezzi, Op 118: No 1 in A minor; No 2 in A); Schubert (Piano Sonata in A, D 664); Fauré (Dolly Suite: Beatrice Klien, piano)
10.15 Music Weekly
11.00 A Modest Profession: The third of 12 programmes tracing the conductor Antal Dorati's recording career. LSO performs Tchaikovsky (Overture, Romeo and Juliet); Webern (Five Pieces for Orchestra, Op 10); Respighi (Brazilian Impressions); Berg (Suite, Lulu); Tchaikovsky (Variations on a Rococo Theme: Janos Starker, cello)
12.45pm Table Talk: The historian Simon Schama relates his passion for ice-cream
1.00 News
1.05 Your Concert Choice: Uhl (Introduction and Variations on an Old German Melody); Haydn (String Quartet in A, Op 20 No 6); Sumsion (In Exile); Fauré (Nocturne No 4 in E flat, Op 36); Donizetti (Lucrezia Borgia, excerpt)
2.30 Beaux Arts Trio performs Haydn (Piano Trio in A, H XV 18); Ravel (Piano Trio in A minor); Schubert (Trio in E flat, D 929), incl 3.20 Interval Reading (r)
4.15 Rachmaninov (Symphony No 2 in E minor: BBC Scottish SO under Alexander Gibson)
5.15 Opera News, with James Naughtie
6.00 Collegium Regale: A programme by the Rev John Drury to celebrate the 550th anniversary of the foundation of King's College, Cambridge. Hacumblen (Salve Regina); Gibbons (See, See the Word is incarnate); Nicholas Maw (One Foot in Eden Still, I Stand — first broadcast); Judith Weir (Ascending into Heaven); Bach (Komm, Jesu, Komm: Choir of King's College, Cambridge, under Stephen Cleobury)
7.00 Smetana (String Quartet No 1 in E minor, From My Life: Emerson String Quartet)
7.30 Silenced by the Soviets: Breaking the Silence
● CHOICE: The recent repeat on BBC television of Stephen Poliakoff's marvellous play *Caught on a Train*, which was motivated by a locomotive, should be all the incentive anyone needs to listen to this early repeat of another Poliakoff play in which the presence of a train is indispensable. Edward Petherbridge plays an aristocratic Jew in post-revolution Russia, confined in a railway carriage with his family. The dilemma in *Breaking the Silence* is: how much individual freedom can reasonably be expected from a regime that has itself only just thrown off its shackles? (r)
9.45 BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra under Jerzy Maksymiuk performs John Pickard (The Flight of Icarus); Sibelius (Symphony No 4)
10.50 BBC Singers in Helsinki: The first of two programmes recorded in the Temppeliaukio Church at this year's Helsinki Biennale. Simon Joly conducts Ligeti (Haj, Ifjuság; Kállai Kettős); Lindberg (untitled — first performance); Bedford (The Golden Wine is Drunk); Ligeti (Magyar Etüdök)
11.30 J.S. and C.P.E. Bach Gamba Sonatas: The first of three programmes. Charles Medlam, viola da gamba, Richard Egarr, harpsichord, perform J.S. Bach (Sonata for viola da gamba and keyboard No 1 in G, BWV 1027); C.P.E. Bach (Sonata for viola da gamba and continuo in C, Wq 136)
12.00 News
12.05am Close

RADIO 4

(s) Stereo on FM
5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Prelude (s) **6.30** News; Morning Has Broken, including Bells on Sunday (s) **6.55** Weather
7.00 News **7.10** Sunday Papers **7.15** On Your Farm (r) **7.40** Sunday, incl **7.55** Weather **8.00** News **8.10** Sunday Papers
8.50 Michael Aspel speaks for the *Week's Good Cause* on behalf of Searchlight Workshops, an organisation which offers independence and creative employment to physically disabled men **8.55** Weather
9.00 News
9.10 Sunday Papers
9.15 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke (r)
9.30 Morning Service from St Mary's Church, Tenby
10.15 The Archers: Omnibus edition
11.15 News Stand, with Anne Spackman
11.30 Pick of the Week, with Chris Serle (s) (r)
12.15pm Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley's castaway is Lord Shawcross (s) **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World This Weekend **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 Gardeners' Question Time: Members of the Capel Manor Horticultural and Environmental Centre in Enfield, Middlesex, put their queries to the panel
2.30 Sunday Playhouse: Posters of the Moulin Rouge. *Yvette Guilbert* is the first of four plays written by John Peacock about the characters from the posters of Toulouse-Lautrec, set in Montmartre 100 years ago (s) (r)
3.30 The Radio Programme, with Laurie Taylor
4.00 News; Analysis: Good Money after Bad? David Walker asks if Germany's economic difficulties mean that the German-Soviet "special relationship" will be stillborn (r)
4.47 Time for Verse: Merle Collins reads at the Bête Noire Poetry Festival in Hull (s)
5.00 News; Down Your Way: Anthony Parkin visits the Royal Agricultural Show in Stoneleigh (s)
5.40 Great Lift Journeys: Stephen Wells's final descent into an old smugglers' watering hole in South Shields (r) **5.50** Shipping **5.55** Weather
6.00 News
6.15 The Village (7 of 8) (r)
6.30 Europhile: Gordon Clough looks behind the headlines in the European papers (r)
7.00 Against the State: Martyrs. In the second of eight studies in sedition and rebellion, Brian Redhead explores martyrs' motives down the ages (s) (r)
7.30 A Good Read (s) (r)
8.00 Punters (new series) (r)
8.40 Reading Aloud (new series): A Passage to England. Sam Dastor reads from Nirad C. Chaudhuri's account of his visit to England in 1955
9.00 News; Enquire Within (new series), with Dilly Barlow (r)
9.15 The Natural History Programme (r) **9.59** Weather
10.00 News
10.15 Manna to Microwave
● CHOICE: Nicely timed to precede *Seeds of Faith* (11.30) which is, however, about matters spiritual not agricultural, Madhur Jaffrey's series about what man has done to fill his belly since the year dot, begins tonight with a reminder that clever Western man's modern way with seeds is similar to the practices of the Chinese 2,000 years ago. In ancient China, pre-treated seeds were pressed into fertiliser-soaked ropes and planted. Western man plants seeds in strips of tape. *Plus ça change*. . . . Thanks to Miss Jaffrey's ecstatic recommendation, Chez Panisse, the "natural food" restaurant in Berkeley, California, can expect queues for the next century at least (s) (r)
11.00 In Committee
11.30 Seeds of Faith: The Inner Journey. Gerard Hughes on the importance of Ignatian spirituality today (s)
11.45 Before the Ending of the Day: The late evening Office of Compline (s) (r)
12.00-12.30am News, incl 12.27 Weather 12.33 Shipping

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m;1089kHz/275m;FM-97.6-99.8. Radio 2: FM-88-90.2. Radio 3: 1215kHz/ 247m; FM-90-92.4. Radio 4: 198kHz/1515m;FM-92.4-94.6. Radio 5: 693kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m. World Service: MW 648kHz/463m. Jazz FM 102.2. LBC: 1152kHz/261m; FM 97.3. Capital: 1548kHz/194m; FM 95.8. GLR: 1458kHz/206m; FM 94.9; Melody FM 104.9.

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW. 4.00am Paul McKenna (FM only until 6.00am) 7.00 The Bruno and Liz Breakfast Show 9.30 Dave Lee Travis 12.30pm Pick of the Pops: Top 20 charts of 1957, 1977 and 1987 2.30 Radio 1 Sunday Roadshow from Glasgow 4.30 The Complete UK Top 40 7.00 Anne Nightingale's Request Show 8.00 High Civilisation: The Bee Gees in concert, live from Wembley Arena 10.00 Andy Kershaw 11.00 John Peel (FM only after 12.00) 2.00-4.00am Nesie James (FM only)

RADIO 2

FM Stereo. 4.00am David Allan: The Early Show 6.00 Graham Knight 7.30 Don Maclean says Good Morning Sunday 9.05 Richard Baker with Melodies for You 11.00 Desmond Carrington: Radio 2 All-Time Greats 2.00pm Benny Green 3.00 Alan Dell with Sounds Easy 4.00 Glynn Bragg Presents his musical favourites with the Glynn Bragg Orchestra 4.30 Sing Something Simple 5.00 Charlie Chester 7.00 Radio 2 Young Musician 1991: Francis Line, the controller of Radio 2, presents the winner's trophy 8.00 Los Paraguayos in Concert 8.30 Sunday Half Hour 9.00 Alan Keith with Your Hundred Best Tunes 10.00 The Radio 2 Arts Programme: 90 Years in a Concert Hall. John Amis celebrates the ninetieth anniversary of the Wigmore Hall in London 12.05am When Swing Was King (r) 1.00am Alex Lester with Night Ride 3.00-4.00 A Little Night Music

RADIO 5

6.00am World Service: News and 24 Hours 6.30 Meridian Reports 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Sunday Edition, incl 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 News; Sport 9.00 This Family Business, incl 10.00 News; Sport 10.30 Education Matters (r) 11.00 News and Sport; Festivals of Britain (r) 11.30 When in Germany: The country and its language (1 of 5) 12.00 News and Sport; Open University, incl 1.00pm News; Sport 2.00 News and Sport; Sunday Sport with John Inverdale. Wimbledon '91: Men's Singles Final 7.20 Open University 9.00 Soundprint: Frida Kahlo — Viva la Vida 9.30 Dragnet: The Big Father 10.00 Sport 10.10 Across the Line, incl 11.00 Sport 12.00-12.10am Sport

WORLD SERVICE

All times in BST. 5.30am Seeing Stars 5.45 News Headlines in English and French 5.47 British Press Review 5.52 World Business Report 5.57 Travel and Weather News 6.00 News 6.30 Londres Midi 6.59 Weather 7.00 Newsdesk 7.30 Jazz for the Asking 8.00 News 8.09 24 Hours 8.30 From Our Own Correspondent 8.50 Write On... 9.00 News 9.09 Words of Faith 9.15 Music with Matthew 10.00 News 10.05 World Business Review 10.15 Seeing Stars 10.30 Stuart Coleman's Record Hop 10.45 Sports Roundup 11.01 Science in Action 11.30 Londres Midi 11.45 Mittagsmagazin 11.59 Weather 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm The Ken Bruce Show 1.01 Play of the Week: The Physicists 2.00 Newshour 3.00 Sportsworld: Wimbledon Men's Final 3.30 Anything Goes 4.00 News 4.15 BBC English 4.30 News and Features in German 4.59 Travel News 5.00 News 5.15 BBC English 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 Club 648 6.30 News and Features in German 8.00 News 8.05 World Business Review 8.15 Londres Dernière 8.30 In Praise of God 9.00 News 9.09 Folk in Britain 9.25 Words of Faith 9.30 Brain of Britain 10.00 Newshour 11.00 News 11.05 Music with Matthew 11.50 Sports Roundup 12.00 News 12.05am World Business Review 12.15 Letter from America 12.30 The Making of the Middle East 1.00 Newsdesk 1.30 In Praise of God 2.01 Charlotte Bronte 2.45 Master Singers 3.00 Newsdesk 3.30 Composers of the Month: William Byrd 4.00 News 4.09 News about Britain 4.15 Anything Goes 4.45 News and Features in German

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Summer's short lease runs out

By Tim Jones

PEOPLE who have tickets for today's Wimbledon women's final or for the Test match should pack umbrellas in their picnic hampers. Winds blowing in from the Bay of Biscay are bringing dark clouds lower temperatures, thunderstorms and showers.

The London Weather Centre said the two-day heatwave was ending, although it was not prepared to say the summer had come and gone. Wimbledon finalists will not welcome any more interruptions for rain; in the third Test at Trent Bridge, however, England may be looking to the skies for salvation after a strong recovery by the West Indies yesterday.

At Wimbledon The RSPCA has had to rescue 70 dogs left inside cars, where temperatures reached 108°F. The RSPCA said: "Three cruelty reports have already been filed and the owners may well be prosecuted."

After temperatures approaching the mid-80s along the Dorset coast, a return to more seasonal temperatures of about 70°F will be welcomed by hayfever sufferers and the management of Cisera Ltd of Stroud, Glos. Cooler weather will reduce the risk of faulty bottles of Cisera Ltd's fresh English apple juice exploding. The company has recalled about 500 bottles, explaining that because of a production problem the contents are continuing to ferment.

The hot weather is a mixed blessing for bathers; a two-degree increase in sea temperature has led to the return of weever fish, which lies buried in the sand with just its poisonous dorsal fin exposed.

The short-lived heatwave has been a boon for Britain's rarest bush cricket, *Decticus verrucivorus*, a two-inch insect used by Swedish peasants to bite off warts. The hot weather, following June's rain, has led to hopes of a population increase.

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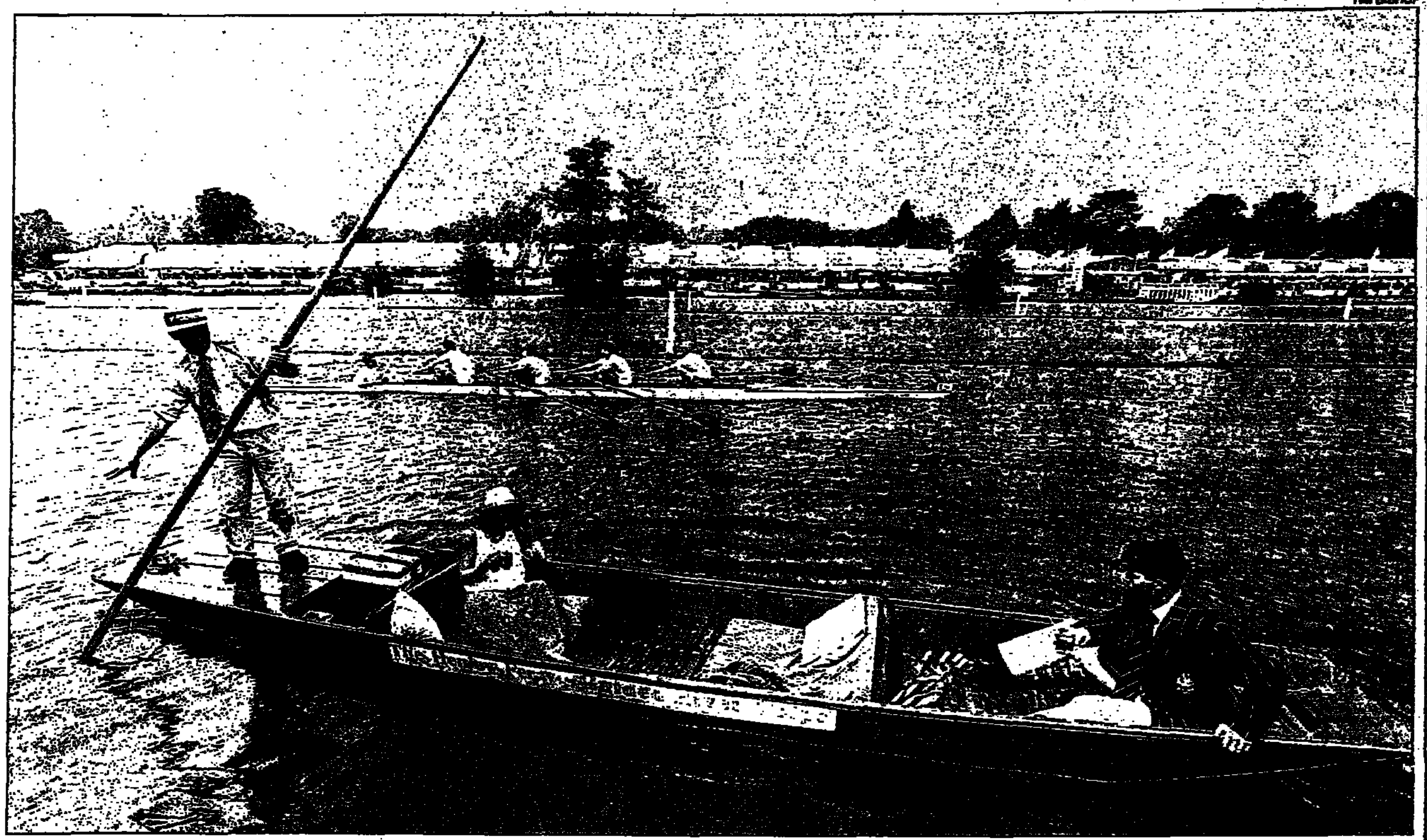
Weather photograph, page 3


TIM BISHOP

Slow boat to recline on: two spectators soak up the sunshine at Henley. Organisers have introduced random drug tests at the regatta for the first time this year. Report, page 39

Billions frozen as bank closes

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likely to face problems. BCCI's biggest card is the GreenCard, which set up a charitable trust in 1989 to benefit the environment and has almost 80,000 customers. The actor Derek Nimmo and the television presenter Anne Diamond are among the trustees of the organisation, which has raised more than £200,000 for environmental groups including the Tidy Britain Group, the Brunei Rainforest Project and Orkney Seal Rescue.

Staff at the head London office of the bank were yesterday "shocked" when they returned from their lunch breaks to discover that their bank had been shut down. Throughout the afternoon a steady stream of disenchanted employees walked out of the electric doors into Leadenhall Street carrying plastic shopping bags containing the hastily gathered together contents of their drawers.

At the bank's Regent Street branch, bewildered customers stood reading a notice of explanation posted in the window.

Mr Ahmed Abdullah, a businessman from Kenya, said: "I should have known. I had a feeling things weren't going all that well, but I didn't know it would come to this."

Another man, who refused to give his name, said: "It's terrible — all my money. That's it. I'm going to go for a drink now."

Kinnock prepares biggest purge

Kilfoyle: has pursued Militant for years

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from Mr Kinnock against Militant sympathisers in the Commons.

Labour leaders, however, were delighted at the margin of their victory over the Broad Left and the clear evidence provided by the contest of the public's disapproval of its activities in Liverpool. The defeat of the extremist left, they believe, will have positive electoral benefits.

Between 20 and 30 expulsions of party members who openly worked for Ms Mahmood will be set in train at a meeting of Labour's organisation committee on July 15 when Joyce Gould, the director of party organisation, makes an initial report on the by-election. This will be based on investigations carried out during the contest by Eileen Murphia, the regional organiser, and John Evans, a national executive member.

At the same time a deeper investigation will be proceeding to see whether people who carried Mahmood posters in their homes and campaigned for her in other ways were party members. This is expected to take the expulsions figure over the 100 mark. Party members who came to Liverpool from other areas to support Ms Mahmood and were identified by MPs and officials as they campaigned will also be ejected.

Mr Fields is likely to be discussed at the July 15 meeting. He can only be expelled if he has broken party rules, which he has been careful not to do, and the parliamentary Labour party can only withdraw the whip from him if he has breached its standing orders.

As *The Times* reported yesterday, some influential NEC members hope that his local party, which is apparently changing in composition, might initiate action against him that would lead to him being dropped as a candidate at the general election.

One outcome of the NEC investigation might be a decision to censure Mr Fields. That would be communicated to his local party and the ball left in their court.

Militant spotting, page 2
Leading article, page 13

Fear of new Chernobyl

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norance which could lead to errors similar to those which helped cause the Chernobyl disaster. There was also insufficient protection of the emergency feedwater supplies, the confinement vessels designed to contain radiation in the event of an accident were leaking badly, and safety equipment had not been tested properly.

An agency spokesman said yesterday: "We have been to Kozlodoy several times, and this time we found that the situation was getting worse rather than better. This is not acceptable any longer."

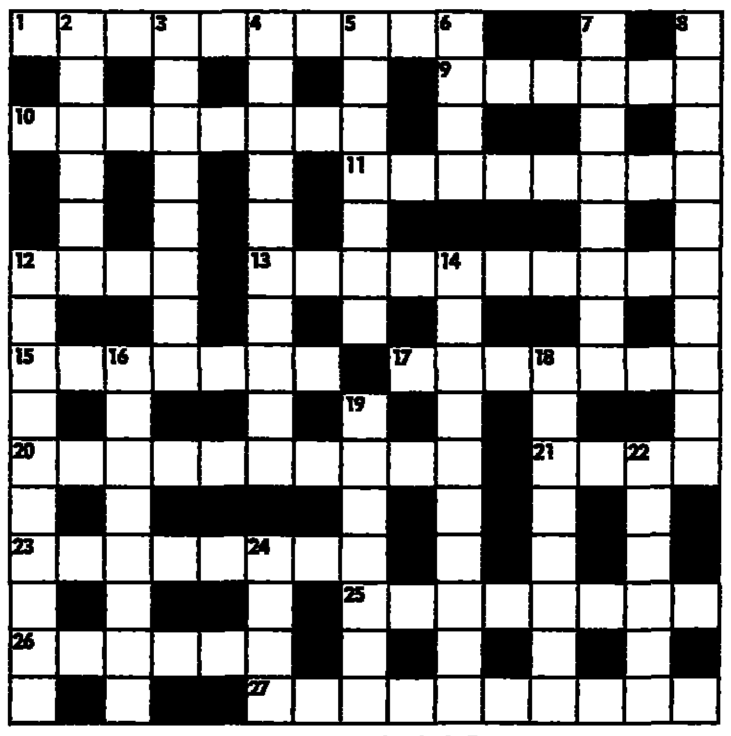
The two reactors still operating at Kozlodoy are Soviet pressurised water reactors (PWRs) built in the 1970s and generating a total of 880 megawatts. Though not the same type as the Chernobyl reactor, the Soviet PWRs are considered outdated and ill-equipped. Two similar units at Kozlodoy were shut down by Bulgaria last October.

MONDAY IN THE TIMES

British fixations 1: An increasing number of magazines offer advice on how to . . . build shelves. Or an extra bathroom or a conservatory. But DIY is not the only growth industry. PTN (Paying Through the Nose) has adherents, who will fork out for anything from walking the dog to watering the plants. DIY versus PTN, in *The Times* on Monday

British fixations 2: The office of Fair Trading lives off complaints. In Britain it is a good living but Bernard Levin has a complaint about the OFT

THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 18,651



ACROSS

1 Mates have this day to finish the vessel (10).
9 Italian resort has the edge — fashionable one the Romans used (6).
10 Late arrival runs after one of Thackeray's heroes (8).
11 Wrong maiden is taken to celebration (8).
12 Not quite quick enough to escape? (4).
13 Dessert wine's no great shakes (10).
15 A new poet appears moderately quickly (7).
17 Lack of inhibition of some players in performance (7).
20 Try improvement, for a change (10).
21 Like strong thread that's twisted round one (4).
23 See term's been rearranged as this, possibly (8).
25 Devilish name Silver had to shoulder? (8).
26 Scan the American theatre for her double appearance (6).
27 Club first used as instrument of torture (4,6).

DOWN

2 Sorry, the plant's not quite complete (6).
3 From English trees, initially, create bats and similar things (2,6).
4 Provider of quiet service that's useful for moveable feasts (4,6).
5 They live alone, — a woman's writing about it (7).
6 Feed people — those in favour (4).
7 What Marian achieved if entering partnership with Robin (8).
8 Is stolen pound put in my case in error? (10).
12 Foreign money I check for supposedly poor friar (10).
14 Place to get dressed, boy, and smarten up (6-4).
16 Sounds like Alice's cat might blow up (8).
18 Oriental capital I held, possibly (3,5).
19 Rapid changes in pitch — six bowled at Oval without runs (7).
22 Dismiss a class (6).
24 Most of the capital of an Asian country (4).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,650

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Solution to Puzzle No 18,645

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PARKER DUOFOLD

A prize of a superb Parker Duofold International Fountain Pen, with an 18 carat gold nib and fully guaranteed for the lifetime of the original owner will be given for the first five correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, PO Box 486, Virginia Street, London E1 9DD. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.

Name/Address..

WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

SITULA
a. A rupture
b. Barley porridge
c. A bucket

POGGE
a. A schoolboy sneak
b. An armed bullhead
c. A German Pele

DRAMMOCK
a. A slattern
b. Meal and water mixed raw
c. A small whisky

TOISEACH
a. Prizes for everyone
b. Celtic noble below a mormaor
c. An outdoor lavatory

Answers on page 15

AA ROADWATCH

For the latest AA traffic and roadworks information, 24 hours a day, dial 0836 401 followed by the appropriate code.

London & SE	
C. London (within N & S Circs.)	731
M-ways/roads M4-M1	732
M-ways/roads M1-Dartford T	733
M-ways/roads Dartford T-M23	734
M-ways/roads M23-M4	735
M25 London Orbital only	736
National	
National motorways	737
West Country	738
Wales	739
Midlands	740
East Anglia	741
North-west England	742
North-east England	743
Scotland	744
Northern Ireland	745

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TIMES WEATHERCALL

For the latest region by region forecast, 24 hours a day, dial 0898 500 followed by the appropriate code.

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Berks,Bucks,Oxon	706*
Beds,Herts & Essex	707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs	708
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Shrops,Herefds & Worcs	710*
Central Midlands	711*
East Midlands	712*
Lincs & Humberside	713*
Dyfed & Powys	714*
Gwynedd & Clwyd	715
N W England	716*
W & S Yorks & Dales	717*
N E England	718*
Cumbria & Lake District	719
S W Scotland	720
W Central Scotland	721
Edin S Fife/Lothian & Borders	722*
E Central Scotland	723
Grampian & E Highlands	724
N W Scotland	725
Caithness,Orkney & Shetland	726
N Ireland	727

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National Final of The Times Collins Dictionaries Crossword Championship, Langham Hotel, Portland Place, London, 1.30pm tomorrow. Admission free.

The winners of last Saturday's competition are: A Hull, Tennyson Cl, Woodbridge, Suffolk; P Kendall, Kilbale Cres, Banbury; R V Woodward, Ripon Road, Stevenage; J E Mead, Ploughmans Way, Rainham, Gillingham; G P H Aitken, High Street, Musselburgh.

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WEATHER

Fresher but still warm weather will spread from the South-West. Thundery showers will break out in many southwestern parts of England and Wales in the afternoon, but central and other southern areas will be mostly dry. Eastern coastal areas north of the Wash may have some fog at first. Scotland will start cloudy with sunny spells later over most western areas. Outlook: mainly dry with sunny spells.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; fg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Akrotiri	25	77	s	Milan	30	86	s
Athens	25	77	t	Montreal*	27	81	f
Barbads*	31	88	s	Moscow	23	73	c
Barcelna	25	77	s	Naples	27	81	s
Bermuda*	30	86	f	N Delhi	38	100	s
Biarritz	18	64	t	N York*	24	75	f
Borde'x	19	66	f	Nice	24	75	s
Cairo	30	86	s	Oslo	28	82	s
Cape Tn	12	54	c	Paris	30	86	s
Corfu	25	77	s	Perth	14	57	c
Dublin	19	66	s	Prague	27	81	f
Faro	22	72	s	Rhodes	24	75	s
Florence	30	86	s	Rio de J	23	73	f
Funchal	22	72	f	Rome	26	79	s
Geneva	27	81	s	S Frisco*	18	64	s
Gibraltar	25	77	s	Sing'por	33	91	f
Hong K	30	86	f	Sydney	14	57	r
Istanbul	20	68	r	Tangier	21	70	f
L Palmas	22	72	s	Tel Aviv	26	79	s
Lisbon	21	70	c	Tenerife	24	75	s
Locarno	29	84	s	Tokyo	30	86	f
London	26	79	s	Toronto*	26	79	f
L Angels*	19	66	c	Tunis	34	93	s
Luxembg	28	82	s	Valencia	32	90	s
Madrid	23	73	s	Vanc'ver*	18	64	s
Majorca	30	86	s	Venice	28	82	s
Malaga	30	86	s	Vienna	29	84	s
Malta	29	84	s	Wash'ton*	24	75	r

* denotes figures are latest available

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6am to 6pm, 26C (79F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 17C (63F). Humidity: 6pm, 64 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6pm, nil. Sun: 24hr to 6pm, 13.5 hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6pm, 1,013.9 millibars, falling.
1,000 millibars=29.53in.

TOURIST RATES

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Australia $	2.20	2.05
Austria Sch	21.70	20.20
Belgium Fr	63.50	59.50
Canada $	1.95	1.80
Denmark Kr	11.92	11.17
Finland Mkk	7.39	6.94
France Fr	10.39	9.74
Germany Dm	3.08	2.88
Greece Dr	333.00	313.00
Hong Kong $	13.09	12.09
Ireland Pt	1.15	1.08
Italy Lira	2300.00	2150.00
Japan Yen	239.00	221.00
Netherlands Gld	3.47	3.25
Norway Kr	12.07	11.27
Portugal Esc	268.50	250.50
South Africa Rd	5.65	5.05
Spain Pta	191.75	178.75
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Turkey Lira	7600.00	6800.00
USA $	1.71	1.585
Yugoslavia Dnr	DNB	40.00

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AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Aberdeen	9.5	.12	24	75	sunny
Anglesey	13.6	.14	26	79	sunny
Belfast	6.7	.14	25	77	bright
Birmingham	8.0	.15	27	81	sunny
Blackpool	12.2	.14	27	81	sunny
Bridlington	10.9	.13	19	66	sunny
Bristol	12.2	.17	27	81	sunny
Buxton	8.0	.13	23	73	bright
Cardiff	12.6	.12	25	77	sunny
Edinburgh	5.4	.12	20	68	fog
Kinloss	1.6	.12	16	61	fog
Leeds	6.8	.14	25	77	sunny
Lowestoft	10.6	.15	19	66	sunny
Minehead	8.0	.12	23	73	sunny
Morecambe	9.3	.15	26	79	sunny
Newquay	7.3	.11	26	79	sunny
Nottingham	7.0	.14	25	77	sunny
Prestwick	11.8	.14	27	81	sunny
Scarborough	9.8	.13	19	66	sunny
Teignmouth	13.0	.12	24	75	sunny
Tenby	13.4	.11	24	75	sunny
Torquay	10.3	.11	27	81	bright
Wick	5.2	.9	17	63	fog

These are Thursday's figures

Thursday: Highest day temp: Kinlochewe, Highland, 30C (86F); lowest day max: Fair Isle, Shetland, 15C (59F); highest rainfall: Gwennap Head, Cornwall, 0.98 in; highest sunshine: Stornoway, Hebrides, 14.8 hr.

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LIGHTING-UP TIMES

TODAY
London 9.19 pm to 4.52 am
Bristol 9.28 pm to 5.02 am
Edinburgh 9.59 pm to 4.37 am
Manchester 9.39 pm to 4.49 am

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	8.35	6.0	8.42	6.0
Aberdeen	8.14	3.6	9.11	3.4
Belfast	5.45	3.2	6.32	3.0
Cardiff	1.17	10.0	1.44	9.8
Dover	5.51	5.5	6.18	5.8
Glasgow	7.24	4.2	8.08	4.1
Holyhead	5.10	4.7	5.58	4.5
Hull	1.00	6.0	1.18	6.2
Leith	9.32	4.7	10.16	4.6
Liverpool	5.57	8.0	6.34	7.7
Newquay			12.14	5.6
Portsmouth	6.12	3.9	6.56	4.0
Southampton	5.51	3.8	6.34	3.9
Tees	10.50	4.6	11.41	4.4

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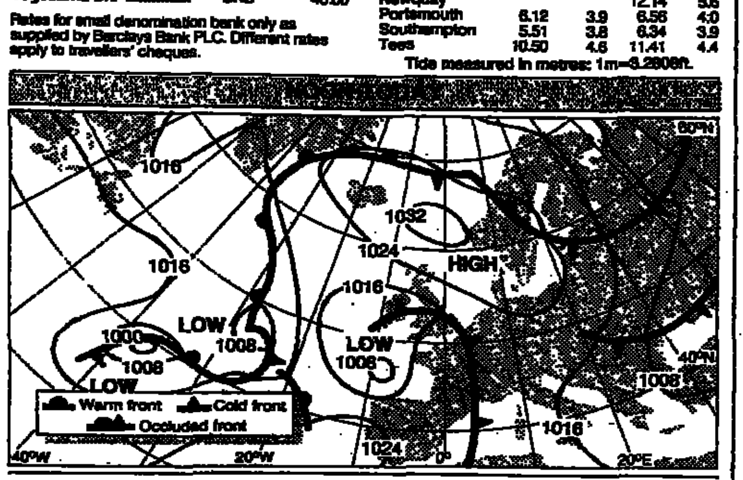

TODAY
Sun rises: 4.51 am
Sun sets: 9.19 pm
Moon rises: 12.14 am
Moon sets: 3.30 pm
New moon July 11

TOMORROW
Sun rises: 4.52 am
Sun sets: 9.18 pm
Moon rises: 12.38 am
Moon sets: 4.52 pm
New moon July 11

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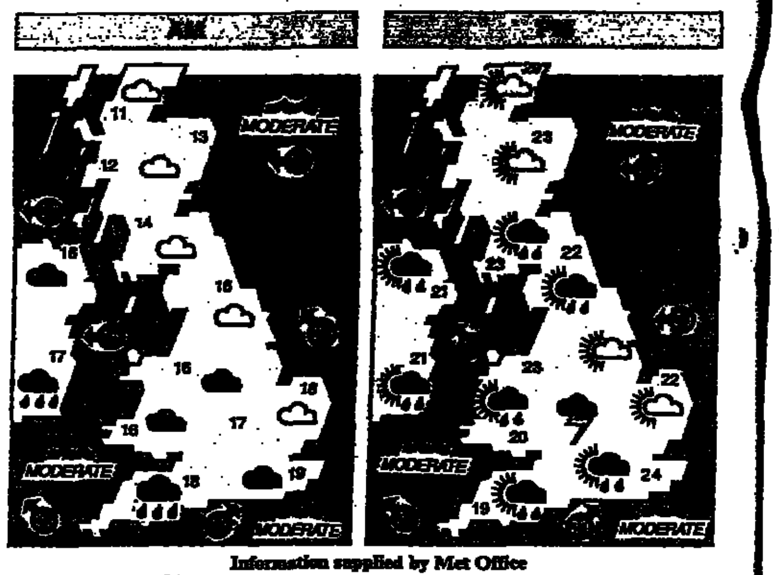

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DEATH SQUAD

WHERE CAN A YOUNG MOTHER GO TO ESCAPE THE BRAZIL DEATH SQUADS?

Joselita is 14. She knows she is "worthless".

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WEEKEND MONEY

Norwich to charge by areas

NORWICH Union will be the first insurance company to charge higher buildings insurance premiums to householders in areas prone to subsidence or storms. A majority of Norwich Union's customers will end up paying more for their cover. Other insurance companies say they will not be far behind and are redrawing their maps of Britain to work out how much everyone should pay.

At the moment, buildings insurance is charged on a flat rate basis, but the cost of massive increases in claims for subsidence and storm damage will be passed on to householders .... Page 31

Storm survivor

Sir Derrick Holden-Brown has not found life to be all plain sailing in the last four weeks, a period that culminated in his standing down as chairman of Allied Lyons a year early after the company lost £147 million on foreign exchange dealing. He tells Gillian Bowditch that sailing his yacht home from Sweden will be easy compared with running the beleaguered company .... Page 27

Dormant cash

Millions of pounds lie forgotten, concealed in old bank and building society passbooks at the bottom of drawers. Financial institutions have different ways of administering these dormant accounts. Some people expecting a windfall are doomed to disappointment .. Page 32

NatWest first

National Westminster bank has launched a ten-year mortgage with a rate fixed at 11.8 per cent, the first time a leading lender has offered a fixed-rate mortgage for longer than five years. But lenders offering fixed-rate mortgages say borrowers prefer capped mortgages Page 32

Tourist charge

Taking Eurocheques on holiday could be a costly way of paying. A bank and a hotel charged 1,000 lire (74p) for cashing each cheque. Thomas Cook explained that it wanted to make as much money as possible out of tourists. Page 34

Double trouble

More than 17,000 Nationwide Building society borrowers were charged twice for their mortgages in June and 2,400 were still waiting for a refund and a letter of explanation four weeks later. The June mortgage rate cut led to borrowers on the annual review scheme having two direct debits taken from their accounts in the same month .... Page 33

Funds sought

A business expansion scheme that will buy the homes of elderly people at a "substantial discount to the freehold market value" and lease them back to the former owners is aiming to raise £10 million .... Page 33

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Few newcomers are expected to succeed in ITV franchise battle

Anglia TV and TVS likely to keep licences

By Melinda Wittstock, media correspondent

ANGLIA Television has emerged as the likely winner in the battle for the east of England Channel 3 licence. The incumbent is understood to have outbid its most serious rival, ThreeEast.

It is also thought that the ITV contractor widely seen as most vulnerable to the competition, TVS Entertainment serving the south of England, has put in by far the highest bid for its area, leaving it in a commanding position to succeed.

The soundings from Anglia and TVS suggest that the current franchise round may see very few of the major contractors losing out to other bidders. The two still seen as in danger of losing their licences are Thames TV, which provides the capital with week-time viewing, and Granada in the Northwest.

Granada is understood to have been outbid by up to £8 million by Phil Redmond's North West Television. But the Independent Television Commission, which oversees the industry, could invoke the "exceptional circumstances" clause if it wished to award the licence to Granada.

The ThreeEast consortium, whose shareholders include Emap and Compagnie Luxembourgeoise de Telediffusion (CLT), which owns Radio Luxembourg, is understood to have bid less than £15 million for the licence. Insiders suggest Anglia has pitched its bid significantly higher.

East of England Television, the Richard Branson/David Frost application, is thought to have no real chance.

Although ThreeEast's application is impressive enough in terms of talent and programme plans to get it past quality hurdles, it is considered unlikely to oust Anglia.

TVS, chaired by Rudolph Agnew, is thought to have submitted by far the highest bid for the south of England licence. The company, buoyed by the last-minute financial support of Time Warner and Associated Newspapers, is said to have bid a sum approaching £50 million.

Meridian Broadcasting, the MAI-backed consortium including Michael Palin, Rowan Atkinson and Tracey Ullman, has put in the strongest challenge to TVS. But sources say its bid hovers around the £30 million mark. Both Carlton Communications and CPV-TV are unlikely to win TVS.

The ITC, which is now studying the applications to judge whether the bidders are "fit and proper persons", will not open the sealed bids until late August when the regulator has decided which candidates have past the quality threshold. The results are expected in late October.

Three or four incumbents could lose out to outside challengers, although it is unlikely the ITC will wish to allow more than two major franchises to change hands.

ITV bosses have said that it would be a disaster for national network scheduling if Granada, Thames and LWT, which is thought to have been outbid by the Polygram-backed London Independent Broadcasting, were to lose their licences.

George Russell, the ITC chairman, will, however, have to present strong reasons for awarding licences to major incumbents who have put in lower bids, given the threat of judicial review.

Bidding to win: Rudolph Agnew's TVS is thought to have offered £50 million

CBI cautious on chiefs' pay rises

By Philip Bassett, industrial editor

TOP managers should consider not taking up their full pay increase if they feel it might damage the running of their businesses, said the Confederation of British Industry.

The CBI was defending senior managers' pay rises after the disclosure of a further rise for John Baker, chief executive of National Power. But it is a measure of the impact of the criticisms of such increases that the business leaders' body should find it necessary to suggest managers might consider a lower increase than they are due.

Professor Doug McWilliams, CBI chief economic adviser, told business executives in London that over the next year pay reductions for senior management were more likely than increases as the lagged effects of the recession worked into performance pay.

But he said leaders had to set an example. "This means that, in some cases, even though the formula used to determine pay increases would suggest a sizeable increase, it may be more appropriate in certain circumstances for the top managers not to take an increase or to donate a proportion to charity if they feel that taking the full increase would have an adverse effect on the running of their businesses."

In the main, though, the professor's speech was a stout defence of the increases senior managers have been receiving, including that for Mr Baker. National Power staff were told yesterday that in addition to the 59 per cent increase for which he was last week criticised by the prime minister, Mr Baker would be receiving 78 per cent more to bring his base salary to £240,000.

He said the criticism of such rises reflected the "re-emergence of the spirit of envy". He said Britain had an ambivalent attitude to success. "It is all too easy when someone is doing well to knock him. And this punishment of success has held us back."

The CBI said chief executives' pay rose 147 per cent from 1980 to 1990, almost equalling the rise in average earnings of 150 per cent. But British chief executives came eighth in the European pay league, earning only 78 per cent as much as their German counterparts.

Winchester ban is upheld

By Sara McConnell

WINCHESTER Group, the former Norwich Union insurance representative, is to appeal against yesterday's High Court decision to uphold a ban, imposed by the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation, that has prevented Norwich Union from accepting business from the Winchester Group since last October.

Two judges dismissed an application by David Ross, finance director of the Winchester Group, for a judicial review of Lautro's actions. Mr Ross claimed that Lautro failed to observe the rules of natural justice when it served an intervention order on its member, Norwich Union, on October 30.

Lord Justice Mann, sitting with Mr Justice Hidden, said that although Lautro's action had "an immediate and maybe devastating effect" on the Winchester Group, there had been no breach of natural justice.

Lautro said it had evidence of serious deficiencies in Norwich Union's system of monitoring the Winchester Group's performance and ensuring it complied with the industry's code of conduct. It alleged that Winchester had persuaded some investors to take out a range of policies they might not be able to afford in the long term. It also claimed that investors were encouraged to surrender policies and take out new ones, to earn salesmen a commission.

Mr Ross yesterday denied these allegations. He said: "We are going to appeal. Our reputation and our ability to trade has been taken away."

Norwich Union terminated its agency with the Winchester Group on April 11.

Mountleigh falls by a third after rights issue

By Matthew Bond

SHARES in Mountleigh, the property group, lost a third of their value yesterday after the company launched a deeply discounted, two-for-one rights issue to avoid breaching its banking covenants.

Clive Strowger, Mountleigh chief executive, denied the rights issue represented an attempt to rescue the company, which finished its financial year end in April with net borrowings of £610 million and gearing of 104 per cent. "I would not describe it as a rescue. The fact is that our debt at the full year was higher than it was in the first half because we failed to reach our cash targets."

A new agreement reached with the company's bankers, however, is conditional on the new equity being raised.

Mountleigh's need for cash had been well trailed in advance, but there was dismay at the size of the discount. The new shares are being issued at their par value of 25p, almost 54 per cent below yesterday's opening price of 54p. The shares closed down 18p at 36p.

The issue of over 420 million new shares has heavily diluted existing shares. In the 12 months to April, net assets per share fell from 262p to 223p. A pro forma balance sheet indicates that after the rights issue, NAV falls to 94.5p a share.

The company's preliminary results accompanied the issue. They revealed pre-tax losses of £96.1 million for the year to end-April, double last year's losses. Falling property values forced the board to make provisions of £80.3 million.

Despite the second successive year of heavy losses, the company is paying a final dividend of 0.75p, down on last year's 3.5p, making a total of 2p (4.75p).

In the City, the level of expenses associated with the rights issue caused some surprise. A total of £105 million is being raised, but only £96 million will be left after expenses.

A spokesman said the expenses were mainly linked to the new agreement that the company has reached with its bankers, rather than to the rights issue, which has been underwritten by UBS Phillips & Drew.

Complex sub-underwriting arrangements for the rights issue further increase the cosmopolitan nature of Mountleigh's shareholder register.

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The decline and fall of BCCI

By Stewart Tendler
crime correspondent

BCCI is the bank that like Topsy just grow'd. Founded in 1972 by Agha Hasan Abedi, a Pakistani, the Bank of Credit and Commerce International rapidly expanded its operations in the 1970s to become the seventh largest private banking group in the world by the late 1980s.

Mr Abedi started life with the Habib Bank in Pakistan before moving on to the United Bank of Pakistan, once the country's largest private bank, and then to BCCI. He is said to have started BCCI with capital of $2.5 million.

Mr Abedi began his operations in Abu Dhabi, where the ruler was a close friend, and created an institution seen by the financial community as cloaked in secrecy. Much of its business developed in the Third World as BCCI expanded first in the Middle East, then into Asia, China, Africa and South America.

At its peak BCCI was described as an institution founded by Pakistanis and financed by Saudi Arabians. It was said to be owned by no more than 51 shareholders, including members of the Saudi royal family, Saudi bankers and other prominent figures. One report suggested a key Saudi banking family owned 30 per cent and another 20 per cent was held by the Abu Dhabi royal family.

By 1988 BCCI was claimed to possess assets worth $20 billion with 400 branches in 73 countries. BCCI was by now based in Luxembourg and control lay in a holding company registered in the Cayman Islands.

There were big branches in the United States, Britain and other parts of Europe but the drive to become the world's largest bank was not always smooth.

Abedi: rapid expansion

The Bank of England thwarted plans for a network of 200 branches in England and Wales. In 1988 Mr Abedi suffered heart problems. And then in the autumn of 1988 American Customs struck the bank with Operation C-Chase.

After a two-year investigation, including undercover work culminating in a sting operation, the bank was indicted for money laundering and accused of working for the cocaine cartels of Colombia. Forty suspects were rounded up in America and British Customs investigators searched the bank's London headquarters. Arrests were also made in Britain and France.

According to the American indictment in 1988, the bank turned drug money in the United States into certificates of deposit at its American branches. Bank officials then created phoney loans at other branches abroad where the traffickers could withdraw the funds. Last year the bank was fined $15 million in Florida after pleading guilty to laundering $32 million; six executives were jailed. Two men were convicted in London and an official has been extradited from Britain to America.

Last year the bank was taken over by Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahyan, the ruler of Abu Dhabi. Its troubles were still not over. Earlier this year the Panamanian authorities began suing the bank for deposits in London linked to the deposed dictator Manuel Noriega.

US investigators relieved by Bank of England's action

From Susan Ellicott in Washington

AMERICAN investigators were relieved that the Bank of England had, at last, begun to co-operate in the examination of BCCI.

Grand jury enquiries into the bank's operations are proceeding in Washington, Miami and Tampa, while Robert Morgenthau, from Manhattan, one of America's toughest and most respected state prosecutors, has been investigating BCCI's myriad alleged offences for two years. The Federal Reserve, too, has put its enforcement division onto the BCCI case.

The off-shore institution, registered in Luxembourg, fell under close scrutiny last year when it pleaded guilty before a federal court in Tampa, Florida, of a large money laundering scheme. Manuel Noriega, the former dictator of Panama who was ousted from power in 1989, was among the bank's customers.

As recently as late May, Mr Morgenthau complained publicly during a Senate hearing that the Bank of England was refusing to co-operate with his team in spite of requests for documents related to BCCI's activities.

His office said yesterday that the Bank of England has been "co-operative and helpful" in past weeks.

Other figures investigating BCCI include John Kerry, a Democratic senator from Massachusetts. As chairman of a congressional foreign relations subcommittee that oversees terrorism, narcotics and smuggling, Mr Kerry began investigating BCCI as early as 1987 with Jack Blum, his then legal aide.

Recently it was discovered that the bank for years had covertly owned a controlling stake in First American Bankshares, the American capital's largest bank holding company.

This cast a cloud over Clark Clifford, a leading figure in the Democratic party for 40 years and First American's chairman. Mr Clifford and Robert Altman, his legal partner, have denied that they witingly were frontmen for BCCI's founder, Agha Hasan Abedi, a Pakistani banker who wanted to use their considerable political influence in Washington to extend his international banking system into America.

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Tiphook plans US listing

TIPHOOK, the container group, will list its shares in New York and Hong Kong this year to complement the spread of its operations.

Robert Montague, chairman, said the year to end-April had been a good one, with pre-tax profits up 129 per cent at £76.1 million. The final dividend is 10.3p (6.5p), making 13.8p (9.2p) for the year. The shares rose by 22p to 475p. Tempus, page 28

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Jobless rise fails to undermine US recovery

By COLIN NARBROUGH, ECONOMICS CORRESPONDENT

FURTHER signs of economic recovery in America were visible in the latest labour market figures, despite unemployment rising to its highest since October 1986 and evidence that companies are still wary about expanding staff levels.

The jobless rate rose to 7 per cent in June from 6.9 per cent in May for a total 8.7 million unemployed. But the average working week increased from 40.4 hours to 40.8 hours. Overtime showed an encouraging increase too.

Companies cut jobs by 50,000 in June, after taking on 119,000 people in May — a reversal Wall Street had not expected. The renewed job-shedding was, however, modest by comparison with monthly cuts witnessed earlier this year.

Although the job cuts could suggest that the recovery was starting to peter out, taken together the labour market figures appear to confirm that the rebound is still taking place.

The latest data on the British economy, meanwhile, provided little evidence of the imminent recovery the government expects.

The longer leading cyclical indicator, signalling turning points in activity about one year in advance, rose 1.2 per in April to 98.6.

The longer leader is now estimated to have bottomed in April or May 1990, suggesting that the recession should have reached bottom some time ago.

Michael Saunders, an economist at Salomon Brothers, said the index failed to show the different pattern of recession this time, and suggested nothing to counter the view that the recession continues.

Total housing starts in Britain in the three months to May rose a seasonally adjusted 3.8 per cent from the previous three months, but were still 7.8 per cent below the same period last year.

About 13,700 dwellings were started in May, compared with 14,000 in April and 14,700 in May last year.

In Japan, a ballooning trade surplus and reduced travel abroad by Japanese tourists boosted the current account surplus to $4.27 billion in May, a 300 per cent increase on the same month last year, according to finance ministry figures.

This followed a fourfold jump in April to $7.77 billion.

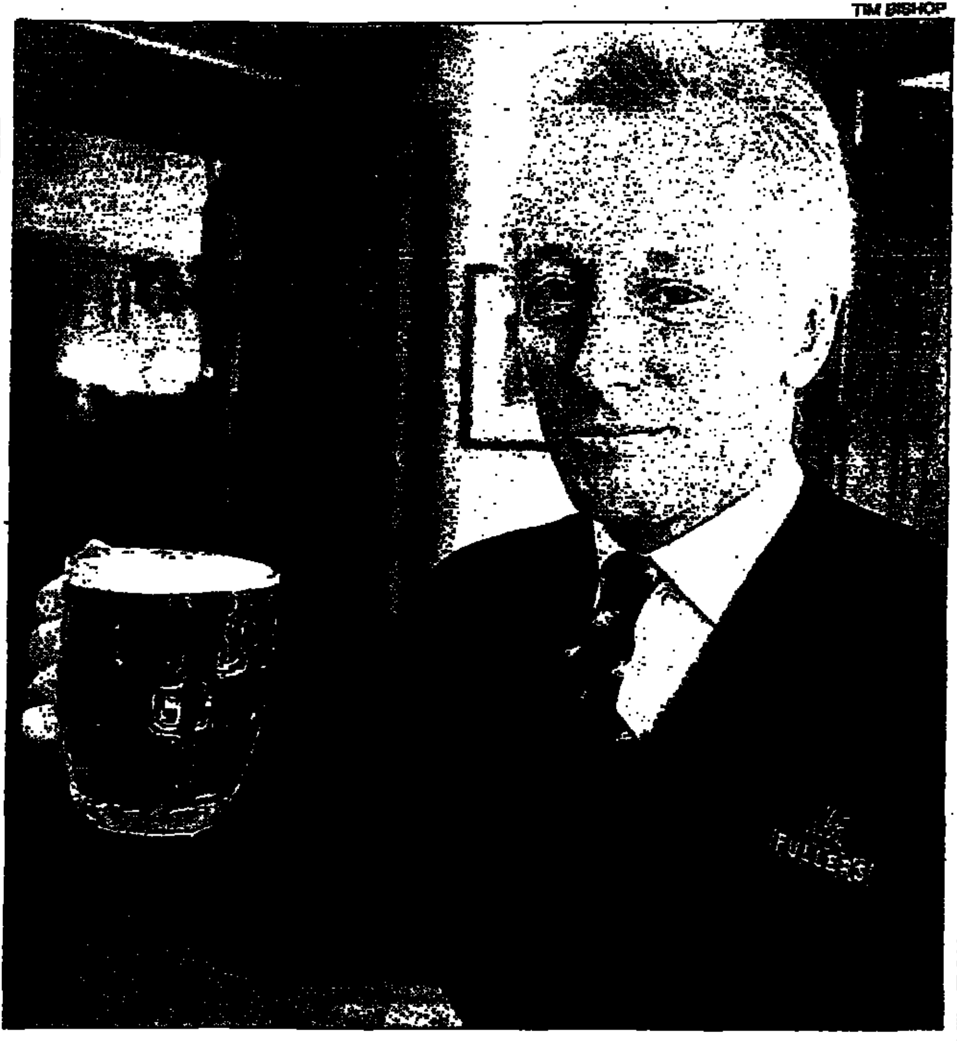
In contrast, Germany's current account deficit widened in May, the government said. But while the current account deficit rose to DM4 billion from DM2.6 billion in April, the visible trade deficit in May narrowed to DM800 million from DM1.4 billion, reflecting an encouraging improvement in exports.

Export orders rose 4.7 per cent in May, while overall industrial orders were 1.3 per cent higher, after falling 2.8 per cent in April.

JS Pathology slips

JS PATHOLOGY, the clinical pathology group, suffered a decline in pre-tax profits to £2.66 million (£3.98 million) in the year to end-March. Turnover slipped to £11.3 million (£11.6 million) and earnings to 13.2p (19.2p). The final dividend is maintained at 3.7p, for an unchanged 5.5p.

TIM BISHOP



Cheers: Anthony Fuller celebrates production of 100,000 barrels for the first time

Fuller brews £9 million

By MICHAEL TATE
CITY EDITOR

FULLER Smith & Turner, the London brewer, produced more than 100,000 barrels of beer for the first time last year, which helped pre-tax profits to £9.01 million (£8.25 million), Anthony Fuller, the chairman, announced. Turnover rose 18 per cent to £70 million, but the group benefited in the second half from 44 extra pubs, bought from Allied-Lyons for £9 million in September.

Shareholders collect a final dividend of 4p, raising the total for the year to March 30 to 6.1p (5.5p). Total beer sales volumes rose by 9 per cent, and the volume of Fuller's own brands by 14 per cent.

Managed houses increased profits by 15 per cent while the group's wine shops, with improved margins, surged 28 per cent in profits and wine wholesaling leapt 47 per cent. Hotel profits were down.

Dunn sells out to Hodges

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

GA DUNN & Co, the menswear business founded at the turn of the century, is to hang up its hat. The group, put on the market in January, is selling 39 branches to Hodges, the private Welsh group, for an undisclosed price.

The rest of the shops, about 100, will be wound up over three months. Around 300 of the 400 staff will lose their jobs because of the closures. The remainder will go with the 39 shops, which will continue to trade under the Dunn name. Ronald Hale, the chairman, expressed his regret at the decision to close so many branches.

"This is a devastating conclusion to the tremendous efforts which have been made to achieve a sale involving all of the branches, especially as it will result in redundancy for all the company's employees who are not included in the Hodges deal. They have been immensely loyal and we left no stone unturned in pursuing every reasonable possibility for securing their future employment in the business. The consequent anxieties of our staff and their families are deeply felt," he said.

Dunn will sell its outstanding freehold and long leasehold properties over the next few years. Mr Hale said the Hodges deal and the sales would strengthen the balance sheet and cover closure costs.

Dunn & Co had been holding talks with a new company called Ayrhouse. The group is believed to have withdrawn after lengthy negotiations.

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Airbus wins US order worth up to £3.7bn

AIRBUS Industrie, the European aircraft manufacturing consortium 25 per cent owned by British Aerospace, has won a lucrative order from a leading American freight company worth a potential £3.7 billion.

The consortium will supply 25 new cargo aircraft worth £1.24 billion to Federal Express, the largest express delivery company in the world. The order also makes provision for a further 50 aircraft, which would push the total value to £3.7 billion, one of the biggest single deals ever won by Airbus. Most of the 300 British companies who supply the European consortium will benefit from the deal.

City Site loses £2m

LOSSES at City Site Estates, the Glasgow property company, have continued. In the six months to end-March the company made a pre-tax loss of £2 million, compared to a profit of £78,000 in the same period last year. Net rents of £3.7 million just fell short of an interest bill of £3.8 million. The interim dividend of 0.96p was maintained.

Quiligotti cuts payout

QUILIGOTTI, the USM-quoted terrazzo floor tile company, has cut its final dividend after pre-tax profits dived to £905,000 (£2.07 million) in the year to end-March, although turnover was up to £23.4 million (£20.4 million). The final dividend has been cut to 0.77p (1.44p), for a total of 1.53p (2.2p).

Bid boosts Thurgar

SHARES in Thurgar Bardex, the manufacturer of plastic window and door products, jumped 14p to 39p on news of a £9 million, apparently hostile, bid from Heywood Williams Group, Britain's largest distributor of glass.

The bid, Heywood's first aggressive one, is supported, however, by Clifford Nye, the Thurgar chief executive, who speaks for 17.7 per cent of the company's equity. The offer, consisting of cash and shares, values each Thurgar share at about 43p. Heywood shares lost 3p to 266p.

Halls Homes gives warning

SHAREHOLDERS in Halls Homes and Gardens, the USM-quoted maker of conservatories and greenhouses, have been warned that a poor result for the current financial year is inevitable. Jon Moulton, the chairman, said the recession and the bad weather earlier this summer resulted in poor sales in May and June.

Verson rises to £3.3m

VERSON International, maker of metal-forming machinery, has provided £2.08 million as an extraordinary charge against closing two subsidiaries. In the year to end-January, pre-tax profits rose to £3.3 million (£2.5 million). Earnings were 3.02p a share (2.65p). A final dividend of 0.7p (0.6p) makes 1p (0.81p).

Dean & Bowes issue

DEAN & Bowes Group, the designer and refurbisher of public houses and hotels, plans a one-for-six rights issue of 2.68 million new ordinary shares, at 60p per share, to raise £1.38 million after expenses.

The proceeds will be used to boost the group's net assets and reduce borrowings. In addition, Dean & Bowes plans to acquire Hemingford Investments, the property company that owns the group's head office. Dean & Bowes shares lost 4p to 88p.

BANK OF CREDIT AND COMMERCE INTERNATIONAL SA

INFORMATION FOR DEPOSITORS

It was announced on Friday, 5 July, that the Luxembourg authorities have taken control of the assets of Bank of Credit and Commerce International SA (BCCI SA), a Luxembourg-incorporated bank with a number of branches in the United Kingdom. The Bank of England has taken parallel action in this country to safeguard the assets of BCCI SA. The effect of these actions is to freeze deposits with BCCI SA, including those at branches in the United Kingdom.

Although BCCI SA is not incorporated in the United Kingdom, once a winding-up order has been made (which may take about a month), **those who have placed deposits in sterling with branches of BCCI SA in the United Kingdom may apply for compensation from the Deposit Protection Fund.** The Deposit Protection Board will obtain details of all such deposits from the liquidator of BCCI SA and **will be writing to sterling depositors inviting them to claim.** Depositors may if they wish approach the Board for information. The address and telephone numbers are given below.

The Deposit Protection Fund provides for compensation equal to **75% of an eligible deposit, with a maximum payout to any one depositor of £15,000.** So, a person with a qualifying deposit of £10,000 would receive £7,500; a person with one of £20,000 would receive £15,000; but anyone with more than £20,000 would still receive only £15,000.

There are certain **exclusions** from this protection. These include deposits held by people or institutions who are connected with the management or ownership of the bank; other banks authorised in the UK; secured deposits or deposits with an original term of more than five years; deposits securing overdrafts or loans; and deposits payable in any currency other than sterling.

Deposits placed with other parts of the group, outside the United Kingdom, will not be eligible for compensation from the Deposit Protection Fund; but these may benefit from Deposit Protection Schemes in other jurisdictions. Deposits placed in the Isle of Man branch are similarly **excluded** from the UK compensation arrangements.

Payments made to depositors by the Deposit Protection Fund will represent a claim of the Fund on any assets that may later be available to the liquidator to repay the original depositor. So, if funds became available to the liquidator to pay depositors, the Deposit Protection Fund would get its money back first.

Once a winding-up order has been made, the Board will obviously move as quickly as possible to issue forms and process claims. It is not possible at this stage to be certain how long this will take; but the Board will certainly be anxious to act speedily to alleviate any hardship and uncertainty.

Depositors seeking assistance or clarification should in the first instance approach:

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Bond sees last of empire go

By OUR CITY STAFF

ALAN Bond, the Australian businessman, lost the last of his business empire yesterday when his family company was put in liquidation owing more than Aus$1 billion (£476 million).

Dallhold Investments, once the holder of much of the Bond family's wealth, will be investigated under an Australian federal court wind-up ruling. The company's assets were yesterday estimated to be worth about Aus$17 million. Mr Bond's estimated net worth in 1987 was about Aus$400 million.

The company's failure could bankrupt him. He is being sued for more than Aus$600 million by banks and other creditors in separate actions. If judgments are gained against him and not paid, the creditors can seek to have him declared bankrupt.

Pontin to take stake in Alpine

By OUR CITY STAFF

SIR Fred Pontin, the holiday camp pioneer, is injecting his Isle of Wight hotel and holiday centre, Farringford Hotel (Freshwater), into Alpine Group, the troubled soft drinks company.

Sir Fred, who is in his eighties, will receive at least 7 million shares in Alpine — around 36.8 per cent of the enlarged equity — and up to a further 2 million, depending on profits. He will also join the Alpine board on a two-year service contract.

The deal, thought to be worth around £1.5 million, depends on a takeover panel "whitewash" to free Sir Fred from the obligation to make a mandatory offer for the rest of Alpine's shares, having acquired more than 30 per cent.

Alpine shares were suspended at 16p prior to the announcement.

Air Europe payout 'to be minimal'

By MARTIN BARROW

ADMINISTRATORS of Air Europe, the airline owned by the collapsed International Leisure Group, have again given a warning that the payout to creditors is likely to be minimal.

KPMG Peat Marwick McLintock, the administrator, has completed the sale of aircraft parts and engines to United Airlines for £21.5 million, increasing the value of assets realised so far to £32 million.

The sale of remaining aircraft spares should raise another £4.36 million, said Phil Wallace, a partner of KPMG. But total Air Europe debts are estimated at £370 million.

"Sale proceeds are in line with our expectations," said Mr Wallace. "Our earlier prediction that payout to Air Europe creditors is likely to be very low had already taken such a sum into account."

In Switzerland, Omni Holding, the investment company controlled by Werner Rey, who owned 49 per cent of ILG, said it intended to apply for liquidation.

The company, in court administration since April, had been caught in a credit squeeze as the market value of its investments dropped while interest rates rose.

Omni said its assets would be sold as part of a court settlement of its affairs.

Mr Rey has stepped down as chief executive.

The company statement yesterday said a Berne court had extended the protection from creditors granted in April for an additional two months, until October 2.

TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

First Dealings	Last Dealings	Last Declaration	For Settlement
June 24	July 5	September 26	October 7

Call options were taken out on: 5/7/91 Ansbacher, Aviva, Crest Nicholson, Dochs.

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Alld Lyons (*525)	500	34	55	66	3½	13	19
	550	6	27	39	28	37	42
	600	1½	10½	21	76	76	78
ASDA (*93)	90	6½	8½	13	2½	6½	8
	100	2	4½	7½	8½	13	14
	110	1	2	4½	18	21	22
Bass (*925)	880	55	89	-	4	16	-
	929	18	58	-	28	33	-
	977	4½	35	-	55	62	-
Boots (*378)	330	50	60	64	1	2	3½
	360	21	35	43	3	7	11
	390	3	16½	24	16	20	23
Br Airways (*162)	140	23	28	31	1	4	5½
	160	7	13½	18	6	9	12
	180	2	6	9½	22	23	25
BP (*338)	300	39	42	47	1	3	5
	330	11	20	27	3	9	13
	360	2	7½	13	24	29	30
Br Steel (*124)	120	5	6	8½	6	8	11
	130	1½	2½	4½	15	15	18
	140	¾	1¼	2½	25	25	27
C & W (*548)	500	52	70	83	1½	8½	13
	550	12	37	52	13	24	32
	600	2	16	30	57	58	59
CU (*515)	460	58	63	80	1	7	9
	500	20	37	52	6	18	23
	550	2½	15	30	38	48	50
Courtauld (*414)	360	56	67	74	1	3½	6½
	390	27	44	53	3	10	15
	420	7½	26	36	15	23	27
GKN (*329)	330	7½	17	27	10	23	26
	360	1½	8	16	35	43	45
	390	1	3	8½	65	72	73
Grand Met. (*757)	700	63	80	97	2½	14	23
	750	20	48	67	14	33	41
	800	4½	26	42	48	63	69
ICI (*1278)	1200	87	117	151	4	28	40
	1250	49	86	120	17	47	57
	1300	24	62	95	42	77	84
Kingfisher (*492)	460	33	50	65	2½	13	17
	500	6½	27	43	18	30	35
	550	1	10	22	65	65	68
Ladbroke (*237)	240	6½	17	23	8½	16	20
	260	2	8½	17	24	30	33
	280	1	4	9	44	45	48
Land Sec (*482)	460	24	41	48	3	8	14
	500	3½	17	26	23	26	32
	550	1	4	9½	73	73	74
M & S (*254)	240	16	26	32	2	4	7½
	260	3	12½	20	9	13	16
	280	1	5½	12	28	28	29
Sainsbury (*354)	326	31	42	50	1½	4	7
	356	8	21	30	9	14	16
	386	1½	9	17	34	35	36
Shell (*520)	460	63	73	80	1	4	7
	500	26	42	52	2	14	19
	550	2	13	26	35	43	45
Smkl Beech (*795)	750	52	79	97	3	14	20
	800	15	46	67	19	33	40
	850	2½	25	42	57	64	65
Storehse (*107)	100	8	13	-	2	4½	-
	110	2	7	-	7	9	-
	120	1	4	6	16	16	18
Trafalgar (*232)	200	35	44	-	1½	6	-
	220	18	30	35	4	13	22
	240	6	18	25	14	22	33
Ultramar (*288)	280	14	23	32	4	12	14
	300	4	11	21	15	23	26
	330	1½	4½	11	45	45	47
Unilever (*766)	650	119	137	-	1½	2	-
	700	70	92	105	2	6½	11
	750	25	56	70	9	21	27
	800	4	27	45	39	45	52
Utd Bisc (*381)	330	50	58	63	1	3½	6
	360	21	35	43	3½	11	14
	390	4	17	26	17	24	28
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
BAA (*438)	390	56	68	-	2	5½	-
	420	32	45	51	8½	13	17
	460	9½	22	31	27	29	37
BAT Ind (*751)	600	159	162	-	1	3	-
	650	109	115	132	2½	6½	10
	700	64	75	94	6½	17	21
	750	27	43	64	22	35	42
BTR (*379)	360	26	34	43	6	13	16
	390	10	17	29	21	28	32
	420	3	8	15	44	50	52
Br Aero (*575)	550	37	50	67	12	23	28
	600	14	24	40	40	50	55
	650	3	11	24	85	90	95
Br Telecm (*358)	330	30	36	42	4	7	10½
	360	8½	18	24	17	20	24
	390	1½	7	13	42	43	45
Cadbury (*377)	330	51	57	67	2	4½	6
	360	28	36	47	8	13	15
	390	10	20	29	22	28	30
Guinness (*965)	900	83	107	130	4	16	22
	950	45	74	98	15	33	40
	1000	20	46	71	40	53	62
GEC (*187)	180	8	13	16	5½	7½	9½
	200	1¾	4½	7½	22	22½	23½
	220	1	2	3½	42	42	42
Hanson (*203)	200	10	16	18½	5½	8½	14
	220	2½	7	9½	20	20½	26
	240	1	3	4½	40	40	42
LASMO (*344)	300	50	58	67	2	-	8
	330	25	35	48	10	14	18
	360	8½	19	31	25	30	33
P & O (*542)	550	23	32	43	23	37	42
	600	7	16	25	60	74	77
	650	2	6	-	110	120	-
Pilkington (*153)	140	17	24	28	3½	6½	10
	160	6½	14	17	13	16	19
	180	2½	7	10	29	31	32
Prudential (*235)	220	22	26	32	4	8	10
	240	9	15½	22	11	17	19
	260	2½	8	-	27	31	-
Racal (*216)	200	22	30	37	5½	7½	10
	220	9	18	25	12	16	19
	240	4	11	16	26	29	31
RTZ (*575)	500	86	92	106	2	7	10
	550	48	55	71	10	19	24
	600	14	27	45	35	41	47
Scot New (*390)	360	35	43	48	5½	9	13
	390	13	24	31	19	23	27
	420	4	13	19	42	43	46
Tesco (*273)	253	25	-	-	2	-	-
	280	8	15	22	14	16	18
	300	2	7	14	30	31	32
Thames W. (*288)	280	15	26	33	5	9	12
	300	5½	15	21	18	20	22
	330	1	5½	8½	46	46	46
Lucas (*130)	140	4	7½	10	14	18	18
	160	2	3	5	32	34	35
	180	1	2½	-	53	54	-
	Series	Jul	Oct	Jan	Jul	Oct	Jan
Fisons (*495)	460	37	55	67	3	9	14
	500	10	30	42	16	25	30
	550	2	12	22	59	60	61
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Abbey Nat. (*278)	260	25	33	39	6	[illegible]	11½
	280	12	21	27	14	17	19
	300	5	12	-	28	30	-
Amstrad (*50)	50	6	-	-	6	-	-
	60	2½	-	-	12	-	-
	70	1¾	-	-	21	-	-
Barclays (*444)	420	34	47	55	12	19	24
	460	13	25	35	32	38	44
	500	4	13	-	67	68	-
Blue Circ (*246)	220	33	38	44	5	8½	10½
	240	17	26	33	11	16	19
	260	8½	16	22	25	27	29
Br Gas (*247)	200	47	-	-	1	-	-
	220	28	31	33	3	4½	7
	240	10½	16	19	10	11½	15
	260	3½	8	11	25	26	28
Dixons (*213)	180	34	38	-	3	4½	-
	200	18	24	30	6½	10	12½
	220	8½	15	20	17	21	23
Eurotunnel (*445)	420	47	62	76	13	23	30
	460	25	42	58	30	45	48
	500	15	27	41	58	66	72
Forte (*243)	240	16	21	27	7	13	15
	260	7	11	17	19	23	25
	280	3	6½	11	38	38	39
Glaxo (*1256)	1200	102	132	165	32	44	53
	1250	70	102	134	52	65	74
	1300	44	77	107	82	90	95
Hawker (*539)	500	60	72	87	14	23	29
	550	31	44	60	35	46	52
	600	12	25	40	70	77	80
Hillsdown (*294)	200	38	43	48	2	4	7
	220	21	28	34	7	10½	14
	240	11	17	22	16	20	21
	260	5	10	-	32	33	-
Lonrho (*249)	240	17	23	28	9	12	19
	260	7	15	17	23	25	29
	280	3	8	-	40	41	-
Midland (*184)	180	15	23	27	8½	10½	13
	200	7	14	19	21	23	24
	220	3	7	12	37	38	38
	240	1½	4	-	57	57	-
Reuters (*752)	750	47	74	97	35	45	54
	800	25	52	70	65	74	82
	850	14	33	-	105	110	-
	900	6	20	-	155	155	-
R-Royce (*145)	140	12	16	19	6	6	10
	160	3½	7	10	18	20	21
	180	1	2½	-	36	37	-
Sears (*75)	70	9	11	13	2½	4	4½
	80	3½	5	7½	7½	8	9
	90	1	2½	-	16	16	-
Thorn EMI (*733)	650	87	88	100	6	14	18
	700	42	56	68	24	32	36
	750	16	31	43	53	58	62
	800	5	-	-	97	-	-
TSB (*139)	130	13	-	-	3½	-	-
	140	7	10½	14	8½	10	12
	160	2	4	6	24	25	26
Wellcome (*699)	600	110	125	140	6	13	17
	650	70	90	107	16	26	32
	700	40	62	82	36	46	54
	Series	Aug	Nov	Feb	Aug	Nov	Feb
Eastn Elec (*188)	160	27	28	30	3½	6	8
	180	9	13	18	13	15	18
	200	3	6	10	30	31	32
	Series	Sep	Dec	Mar	Sep	Dec	Mar
Nat Power (*137)	130	9	11½	14	7	8½	10½
	140	4	6½	9	14	14	16
	160	1½	2½	4	32	32	33
Scot Power (*106)	100	12	16	-	3½	5	-
	110	7	11	-	7½	9	-
	120	3½	6½	-	15	16	-

FT-SE INDEX (*£2484)

	2300	2350	2400	2450	2500	2550
Calls						
Jul	201	157	104	66	32	13
Aug	195	153	123	88	57	38
Sep	228	173	144	100	86	48
Oct	228	188	152	118	95	65
Dec	278	—	204	—	142	—
Puts						
Jul	4	7	11	18	38	70
Aug	11	16	22	38	54	95
Sep	17	24	34	51	74	110
Oct	23	32	47	62	87	115
Dec	37	—	67	—	105	—

July 5, 1991 Total: 23332 Calls 16486 Puts 6846 FT-SE: Calls 4484 Puts 4452
*Underlying security price.

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A matter of honour has finally sunk the man who escaped wartime mines and dodged hostile bids

Survivor sails out of stormy waters

BUSINESS PROFILE

By GILLIAN BOWDITCH

Sir Derrick Holden-Brown

The chairman of Allied-Lyons stepped down this week after the group revealed unexpected losses. It is a sad end to a 40-year career

JOHN MANNING

Old-fashioned sense of propriety: Sir Derrick is leaving Allied-Lyons after large losses on foreign exchange deals

Sir Derrick Holden-Brown will spend the next four weeks sailing his brand new 45-foot Halberg Rassy yacht back to his home in Lymington, Hampshire, from the yard in Sweden where it has been built.

No matter how rough conditions are in the Baltic Sea it will be plain sailing compared with the events of the past few months.

Chairman of Allied-Lyons, one of Britain's largest food and drinks companies, for the last nine years, he stood down a year early at Thursday's annual meeting after the company lost £147 million on foreign exchange dealing. It is a sad end to a 40-year career in the drinks industry.

But Sir Derrick is nothing if not a survivor. He has escaped death twice in naval actions during the war that killed many of his ship's company. His business career has not been without its bombshells either.

In 1985, he fought off a hostile takeover bid by Elders IXL, the Australian group, only to face the threat of an aggressive shareholder in the form of Alan Bond. The latest upset is unlikely to depress his relaxed style or dent his optimism.

The decision to go now was taken entirely on his own. Clifford Hatch, his finance director, had already resigned and Richard Martin, his chief executive, also decided to leave early in one of the most extensive bouts of corporate blood-letting the City has seen for some time.

"The buck stops here," says Sir Derrick. "I am not responsible for the actions of the treasury department but I am responsible for the appointment of senior people. I wouldn't have been happy if I had just said the responsibility lies in that department. That would be totally wrong.

"You can't know everything that is happening in a company of this size but you can't escape responsibility for things that happen in head office. Quite a large number of people suggested that I should not go, but I did it for what I believe to be the right reasons and I think I will live with myself more easily."

Cathy Narcisi, his secretary, who has worked with him for 20 years, believes the decision is in keeping with his character.

"He's an extremely honourable person. He hates doing what he sees as the wrong thing. He always does things properly and does not like slapdash work. He is polite and always a gentleman. He can be frank, but never in a nasty way. If he thinks he has been unjust he will put it right straight away, and say, 'I'm sorry, I was wrong'."

Lord Laing of Dunphail, an old friend of Sir Derrick's, says: "If I had to choose someone to cross the Sahara desert with, I would unhesitatingly choose Derrick. He is cheerful and reliable. You wouldn't wake up in the morning and find your water *had disappeared.*

"He's had a great career at Allied-Lyons. This latest incident is just a blip. He has been an excellent chairman. His decision to stand down is very courageous and very proper, absolutely typical of him."

Sir Alex Alexander, Allied-Lyon's former deputy chairman, agrees. "We are all very saddened that his career has ended on this note but he's a very honourable person and has a strong sense of duty. It will be his long career, his demeanour and behaviour that will be remembered."

Sir Derrick is a paternalistic chairman with an old-fashioned sense of propriety. He sounds like a BBC radio announcer from the Fifties, but in spite of the suit, he looks every inch the weather-beaten sailor. It may be 45 years since he left the navy, but he still bears the hallmark of that institution. He is a dotter of "i"s and a crosser of "t"s. His sentences are disciplined and his thoughts regimented. "I'm a very tidy person. I think I got that from the navy. If you lost a bit of kit on the boat it went into the scran bag kept by the purser and you had to pay up to a shilling to get it back. If you didn't have a full kit you were in trouble." The navy taught him more than just how to keep a tidy sock drawer, and had it not been for the injuries he sustained during the war it is likely he would have made it his career.

'A large number of people said I should not go, but I did it for what I believe to be the right reasons'

He joined up as an ordinary seaman as soon as he was old enough. The war was in its second year and he started off on the lower deck of a freight mine sweeper in the North Sea. The ship was coal-burning and Sir Derrick spent a rather dirty five months carting baskets of coal around on his head before joining one of the officers' training establishments. He was commissioned as a midshipman three months later at the age of 19. He served most of the war with the coastal forces, first as navigating officer on a motor gunboat in the Mediterranean and then off the Italian coast.

In October 1944, his ship was sunk by a mine four miles east of Venice. He survived the ordeal completely unscathed and a fortnight later was back in Malta commanding a motor torpedo boat.

"A mine is a big thing. It can sink a cruiser and it blows a motor gunboat to smithereens. But you can be lucky and the first time I was very lucky."

His luck ran out six months later. His ship was sunk on a mine in March 1945 at the north end of the Adriatic. He sustained a broken leg and burns, as well as the effects of being in the water for an hour and a half.

He was in hospital for the best part of a year. For him the war was over.

"I still remember the night it happened. It was about 3am. The force of the blast must have knocked me out but I suddenly became conscious of lying on a piece of decking and the water just rapidly coming up around me.

"I realised at once what had happened because I'd had the experience before and I was just grateful that I was able to swim, albeit a bit painfully.

"I was also lucky in that I was up-wind of 100-octane petrol that was burning on the top of the water.

"I felt confident that I would be rescued. When you are 21 or 22 you live in the most marvelously optimistic world. Once I knew I'd survived the initial hit, I knew I'd be OK. I was wearing protective clothing and I had not been asleep at the time, which was lucky."

He lost many friends in the disaster. About half the ship's company was killed or wounded. "We lost people first time, but we didn't catch fire. Second time it was much more destructive."

He was invalided out of the navy in 1946 after briefly working in the Admiralty. "I felt a bit sad because I enjoyed the navy so much there was a time when I thought I might try to make a career of it, but after March 1945 there was no question of that. I wouldn't have been fit enough."

Before joining the navy, Holden-Brown had taken the advice of his father, a director of United Drapery Stores, who suggested that some experience with a firm of chartered accountants might stand him in good stead. He describes his father as "a very wise man", who, among other things, prevented his mother from naming him Valentine. He was born on St Valentine's day 1923.

Sir Derrick completed his articles in 1948 and immediately decided to leave the profession for a more exciting career in industry. The first suitable job that came along was with Hiram Walker, the Canadian drinks group. He spent five years in the company's London office, leaving in 1954 to join Ind Coope, the brewer that formed the basis of Allied-Lyons. Today, the group is capitalised at £4.5 billion and includes brands such as Canadian Club, Teachers whisky, Tia Maria, Courvoisier brandy, Château-Latour wines, Tetley teas, Lyons cakes and Lyons Maid ice cream. The group also brews Skol lager and Castlemaine XXXX under licence. Many of the brands were acquisitions made under Holden-Brown's stewardship.

'If I had to choose someone to cross the Sahara desert with, I would unhesitatingly choose Derrick'

Many in the City feel that the foreign exchange loss has made Allied-Lyons more vulnerable to takeover. Holden-Brown disagrees, although he admits that the break-up value of the company is considerably more than its current value in the market.

"I don't underestimate the importance of that event," he says of the currency loss.

"It should never have happened, but it happened in an isolated department. They got things wrong, which led to a major loss.

"But if I could put it into perspective, it was £150 million, £100 million after tax. Our market capital is not far short of £5 billion.

"I don't for one minute believe it is really a signal to the market place that we are vulnerable to a takeover bid."

Any predator who thinks Allied would roll over without a fight, however, would be wrong.

"Our experience in the middle and late Eighties with Elders and Alan Bond is fresh in our minds. We can re-establish the war team very quickly with all the experience we've had.

"It only has to be brought out and dusted off. It's all there."

What upsets him more about the foreign exchange loss has been the suggestions in the City and the press that he ignored vital warning signals about the unhealthy extent of his treasury department's involvement in currency dealing.

"There were a lot of reports which were wildly inaccurate. I did not have three telephone calls from the Bank of England.

"I had one very low key telephone call asking one question, as a result of which I pushed very hard to get our finance director and chief treasurer in through the Bank of England's doors. They brought back a reassuring report. In September, one of our dealers escalated his position. I thought that was a very serious breach of rules. There were reasons why he was asked to stay on. That in itself was a breach of rules of which I was fully aware, but it was not in itself a major event. It was a management matter. It wasn't until after the end of the financial year in March that the currency problem came to light."

The group is now rebuilding its credibility and reassuring shareholders. Sir Derrick's successor is Michael Jackaman and the new chief executive is Tony Hales. Both have had years of experience with the group.

The name of a new finance director, recruited from outside, will be announced soon.

Sir Derrick is likely to spend much of his retirement on his yacht. He has always enjoyed sailing and describes it as the best therapy he knows. Pat, his Canadian wife, does not enjoy sailing but is tolerant of his love of the sea.

They met when he was working for Hiram Walker. "She walked into my office with some friends looking for some Canadian Club, which was in short supply," Sir Derrick recalls.

"I don't think I was very helpful.

"We married in England and decided live here, but we go back reasonably frequently to Canada where we have quite a few friends."

They have two children: Jeremy, who until recently worked for the Bond Corporation in London, and Heather, a publishing editor with the BBC. Both of sail.

All Sir Derrick'a boats are called Aqualeo and he retains the name when he sells one. He and his wife are both Aquarians and his children are both Leos.

"There's an old superstition that it's unlucky to change the name of a boat, but that's the other chap's problem," he says. One other regular crew member is his brother, Geoffrey, a retired chartered accountant.

Sir Derrick's home overlooks the sea at Milford-on-Sea, Hampshire, and he has a pied-á-terre in London.

He will continue as deputy chairman of Sun Alliance, the insurance company, until next year and is likely to stay on as chairman of the Portsmouth Naval Heritage Trust. In addition, he intends to devote more time to the garden and the church.

"I've been conscious of religious matters all my life. I wouldn't want to be without religious belief, but I'm not as active or as regular a church-goer as I was in the early days. I think I will go more regularly when I retire."

Despite the difficult times over the past few months he has retained his sense of humour, which his secretary describes as "puckish", and has not lost his temper.

"I regard it as a personal weakness if you lose your temper. No tempers are ever lost on my boat and there is no shouting.

"Most people have never seen me lose my temper. If I do lose it, it is to achieve an objective rather than for the sake of being difficult.

"I learned at an early age that it was better to be an optimist, rather than to look on the dark side."

Germans link with IBM on new microchip technology

Siemens scorns European protection

Single-market sceptic: Herr Kaske warned against hiding from world competition

SIEMENS, the German electronics company, issued a stern warning to the European Commission yesterday to refrain from moves to protect the ailing European electronics industry from outside competition.

The warning was made at a press conference by Karlheinz Kaske, the president of Siemens, and comes a day after Siemens and IBM decided to launch a joint venture company for the production of the new generation 16 megabyte computer chips.

The deal is widely seen as a snub to the European computer industry, in particular to Bull, of France, and Philips, with which Siemens is co-operating in the research and development of semiconductor technology under the European Jessi project.

The link-up with IBM has also been interpreted as a determined statement by Siemens that there exists no unique European solution to stop the rising tide of Japanese predominance in the market for semiconductors and computer chips, and that the German company is increasingly looking towards America for future collaboration.

Herr Kaske said yesterday: "I would caution against any measures which would shelter us from the harsh wind of international competition. The very challenge of intense competition still remains the best way to avoid being lulled into a false sense of security and being caught napping."

His remarks also closely follow efforts by the commission to achieve a joint European approach in the electronics and computer sectors, after a financially disastrous year for most European computer makers, and a recent decision by the French government to step up subsidies to Bull and Thomson. Herr Kaske said he regarded these developments "with concern" if the effect was to retain uncompetitive business areas.

In a thinly veiled reference to the French government, Herr Kaske said: "I am not one of those people who indulge in endless tales about Europe lagging hopelessly behind Japan, or who make even broader generalisations about a declining European economy. Such statements are often coupled with equally unthinking calls for a protective wall against so-called unfair Japanese competition.

"Rather than surrounding ourselves with trade barriers," he added, "we must first put our own house in order. We must create a genuine single market, before seeking blanket protection against unfair incursions from abroad."

Herr Kaske said he was sceptical about the single market in the electronics and telecommunications industry, pointing out that Siemens had not yet received a single government order from France. He added that there was no question of Siemens participating in a capital increase for Bull. Nor will Siemens agree to participate in a merger of Europe's leading electronics companies.

'Rather than surrounding ourselves with trade barriers, we must first put our own house in order'

Siemens' growing self-confidence partly stems from a better than expected business performance during the first eight months of the current financial year, which ends in September. Herr Kaske said that net profits for the whole financial year, originally expected to stagnate, would show a modest rise unless there was a deterioration in the capital markets during the remainder of the year.

During the first eight months orders increased by 18 per cent to DM54.3 billion because of the company's expansion into eastern Germany and the consolidation of Siemens-Nixdorf Informationssysteme (SNI). SNI will this year announce a substantial loss, due to difficulties of the integration of Siemens' and Nixdorf's computer business and the worldwide economic slowdown.

Siemens also projects a loss in excess of DM100 million in its component business. But the strong sales growth led to an upwards revision of the current-year sales forecast, from DM76 billion to almost DM80 billion.

Dr Hermann Franz, a director in charge of business planning, confirmed that Siemens' target to achieve 20 per cent of its revenues in America by the end of the decade still holds good, despite the unexpected, strong increase in the company's domestic and European business. Siemens and IBM will start producing the 16-megabyte chip at IBM's factory in Corbeil-Essonnes, near Paris, by the end of this year. The deal, believed to involve investment in excess of DM 1 billion, follows a recent announcement by Toshiba of Japan to start 16 megabyte chip production in September.

Although IBM and Siemens insist that the deal is open to outside participation, Herr Kaske nevertheless cautioned yesterday that this was dependent on the participant's "liquidity", which amounts to an implicit exclusion of most European computer makers.

Dr Kaske insisted that the deal was a one-off arrangement and that Siemens and IBM would otherwise continue to compete against each other, particularly in the systems market.

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Familiar ring of separate tables at Mountleigh

THERE was something familiar about the news that under the terms of the £96 million rights issue there would be "separate arrangements" for Nelson Peltz and Peter May, two of Mountleigh's three managing directors, and for the Gordon Getty trust, whose representative completes the management triumvirate.

Long-suffering shareholders have got used to separate arrangements at Mountleigh. There were separate arrangements 20 months ago when Tony Clegg, the outgoing chairman, sold his 22.6 per cent stake to Messrs Peltz and May for 200p, 60p or so above the price other shareholders could sell at. They were there again six weeks ago when the Getty trust paid 100p a share for half the stake owned by the American duo, 23p above the then market price.

The £23 million raised by that deal must have made Mr Peltz's and Mr May's decision to participate in a subscription for 95 million new shares at just 25p rather easier. How many other Mountleigh shareholders can have been fortunate enough to raise £23 million six weeks before a two-for-one rights issue?

In spite of being warned rather unsubtly, the full horror of what accompanied the cash call still took the market by surprise. The shares tumbled from 64p to 36p in response to the deeply discounted and dilutive issue price of 25p.

Pre-tax losses were £96.1 million, double the already impressive £46.8 million loss clocked up last year. Once again, most of the damage was done by sliding property values, prompting provisions of £80.3 million, and a soaring interest bill, which rose from £33 million to £53 million.

Provided that shareholders decide they have no choice but to stump up the rights issue cash, the proceeds will repay a small part of the company's £610 million of borrowings, cutting gearing from 104 per cent to 75 per cent. Any further reduction is then dependent on Mountleigh's success in disposing of the £400 million of British property it hopes to sell in the next 18 months.

Assuming Mr Peltz and Mr May have the good grace to return from America, where they apparently spent yesterday, the extraordinary meeting scheduled for July 29 should be lively. Avoid.

Tiphook

BY its results for the year to end-April, Tiphook has proved the wisdom of not having all its eggs in one basket — or indeed all its trailers on one road.

The recession has passed it by and the wide geographical spread of interests, complemented by acquisitions, saw 1991 pre-tax profits rise 130 per cent to £76.1 million, on a 73.5 per cent increase in turnover to £303.1 million.

Gross margins advanced from 60 per cent to 62 per cent, and a further improvement is likely as management makes assets sweat more. The low tax charge (a mere 6.7 per cent) will assist the percentage growth in net earnings for some time.

Gearing is typically high for a group heavily involved with rental operations, but interest cover is up from 1.8 times to 2.3 times. A final dividend of 10.3p (6.5p) sees the total rise by 50 per cent to 13.8p.

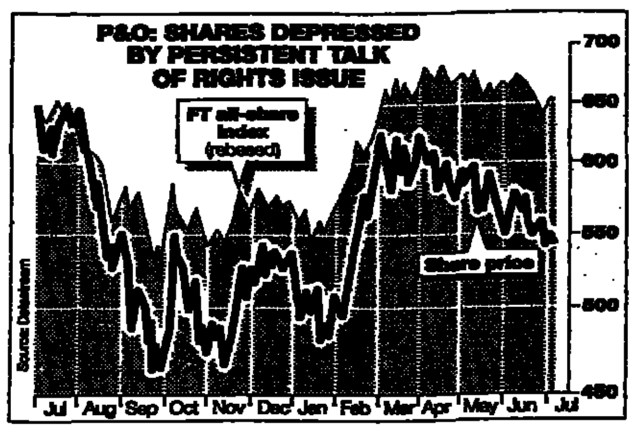
Tiphook aims to spread further its operational net within Europe ahead of 1992, while its investment profile should rise following stock exchange listings in New York and Hong Kong this year. Latest results include a full 12 months from Sea Containers, but Tiphook wants to prove that it is organic growth that really makes it tick. Containers look like remaining the backbone of international trade, and Tiphook finds recession in one area all but offset by growth in another.

On a like-for-like basis, this year's profits could reach £90 million (£76.1 million) to put the shares at 475p, up 22p, on prospective 6.2 times earnings.

The shares are a buy.

STOCK MARKET

Bid talk centres on insurers as Generali looks to expand



BID speculation is reviving and yesterday it centred on the composite insurers where there is talk of a bid from Generali of Italy, one of Europe's biggest insurance companies.

This week, Generali told shareholders at its annual meeting that it wanted to expand further in Europe and was looking at several sizeable bid opportunities. Britain seems as likely a place as any to start.

A number of large insurance companies are looking vulnerable to a bid, after several years of downturn and heavy insurance losses.

The betting among the speculators is that Generali would like to get its hands on **General Accident**, 13p better at 554p, or even **Guardian Royal Exchange**, 2p better at 192p. But it is felt that the latter's discount to asset value is not as attractive as that of General Accident.

Meanwhile, **Commercial Union**, that old takeover favourite, jumped 9p to 516p, and **Trade Indemnity** rose 3p to 63p while **Sun Alliance** firmed 1p to 365p.

The rest of the equity market was squeezed higher in thin trading with market-makers continuing to find themselves short of stock. Dealers said sentiment was helped by the improved showing of the Conservative party in the latest political opinion polls. The FT-SE 100 finished the session 14.3 higher at 2,484.7, with a total of 489 million shares changing hands. The FT index of 30 shares added 6.8 to 1,911.5.

Share prices have risen almost 3 per cent this week, helped by the growing prospect of lower worldwide interest rates.

Government securities continued to make headway on the prospect of cheaper money, sporting gains of £¼ at the longer end.

Strong gains were reported among the water companies, which went ex-dividend on Monday. The water package soared £110 to £2,825. It is due to cease trading next Friday. There were also gains for **Anglian**, 16p to 296p, **Northumbrian**, 10p to 290p, **North West**, 12p to 285p, **Severn Trent**, 8p to 256p, **Southern**, 5p to 245p, **South West**, 10p to 278p, **Thames**, 5p to 288p, **Welsh**, 5p to 288p, **Wessex**, 14p to 320p, and **Yorkshire**, 8p to 296p.

Support for the electricity companies produced rises for **Eastern**, 11p to 188p, **East Midlands**, 11p to 204p, **London**, 12p to 204p, **Manweb**, 10p to 244p, **Midlands**, 9p to 208p, **National Power**, 4p to 137p, **Northern**, 11p to 205p, **Norweb**, 14p to 215p, **PowerGen**, 4½p to 145p, **Seeboard**, 12p to 206p, **Scottish Hydro**, 2p to 115p, **Southern**, 11p to 199p, **South Wales**, 3½p to 259½p, **South West**, 10p to 211p, and **Yorkshire**, 11p to 226p. The electricity package climbed £108 to £2,103.

Revived talk of a rights issue left **P&O**, the shipping and property group, 9p cheaper at 541p.

There could be some good news on the way for shareholders of troubled **Business Technology**, the office equipment group, unchanged at 68p. There are whispers it has been approached by **Erskine House**, 2p lighter at 75p, and rival **Southern Business**, 4p better at 68p. The speculators claim a bid of 95p a share could be on the way. But that would not be much good for Tony Berry, a director. He is reckoned to have paid up to 230p a share for his stake.

MICHAEL CLARK

MAJOR INDICES

New York:
Dow Jones .... 2939.85 (+5.15)*
S&P Composite .... 374.53 (+1.20)*

Tokyo:
Nikkei Average ... 22898.34 (−237.27)

Hong Kong:
Hang Seng .... 3892.71 (+42.00)
FT-SE Euro 100 .... 1098.71 (−1.24)

Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency .... 92.7 (+0.1)

Sydney: AO .... 1536.2 (+12.3)

Frankfurt: DAX .... 1618.91 (+2.80)

Brussels:
General .... 5742.42 (−10.91)

Paris: CAC .... 457.89 (−2.78)

Zurich: SKA Gen .... 537.0 (+1.5)

London:
FT.—A All-Share ...... 1189.05 (+6.00)
FT.— "500" .... 1319.71 (+7.18)
FT. Gold Mines .... 216.6 (−0.5)
FT. Fixed interest .... 93.35 (+0.08)
FT. Govt Secs .... 84.80 (+0.25)
Bargains 22032
SEAQ Volume 489.6m
USM (Datastream) .... 126.56 (−0.22)

*Denotes latest trading price

FT-SE 100 VOLUMES

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
Abbey Nat	1,402	Cadbury	3,113	Lonrho	1,002	Royal Bank	610
Alld-Lyons	1,612	CU	455	Lucas	1,567	Royal Ins	1,338
Anglian	1,956	Courtaulds	486	M&S	1,833	Sainsbury	1,346
ASDA	3,323	Enterprise	227	Maxwell Cm	163	Scot & N	433
AB Foods	231	Eurotunnel	43	MEPC	112	Scot Power	1,369
Argyll	2,300	Fisons	691	Midland	1,686	Sears	1,483
Arjo Wigg	1,226	Forte	1,524	Natl Power	4,161	Severn Trnt	1,517
BAA	901	Gen Acc	961	Nat West	1,123	Shell	1,810
BET	2,232	GEC	8,025	N W Water	3,886	Smith & N	1,401
BTR	1,474	Glaxo	1,112	P&O	776	SK Beech	1,118
BAT	2,945	Grand Met	2,462	Pearson	37	Sun Allnce	129
Barclays	2,228	GUS 'A'	60	Pilkington	1,267	Tarmac	689
Bass	824	GRE	800	PowerGen	2,679	Tate Lyle	982
BICC	408	Guinness	2,125	Prudential	3,564	TSB	2,821
Bk Scotlnd	407	Hanson	3,643	Racal	2,785	Tesco	1,738
Blue Circle	1,785	Hawker	10	Rank	831	Thames Wtr	1,779
BOC	1,363	Hillsdown	2,184	R&C	50	Thorn EMI	1,140
Boots	799	ICI	307	Redland	859	Trafalgar	700
Br Aero	754	Inchcape	916	Reed	882	Ultramar	1,040
Br Airways	543	Kingfisher	1,589	Rentokil	25	Unilever	1,239
Br Gas	4,067	Lasmo	2,129	Reuters	264	United Bis	534
Br Petrol	6,104	Ladbroke	837	RMC Gp	523	Wellcome	485
Br Steel	3,249	Land Sec	578	RTZ	1,972	Whitbrd	684
Br Telecm	3,789	L&G	382	R-Royce	4,312	Williams	1,152
C&W	2,558	Lloyds	869	Rothmans 'B'	149	Willis Cor	1,450

RECENT ISSUES

EQUITIES

Aberforth Smlr (100p)	115
Aberforth Split (100p)	104
Alliance Res	22
Brabant Res (155p)	122
Contra-Cyclical (100p)	105
Drayton Blue Chip (100p)	102
EFM Inc Tst (65p)	68
Eidos	46
East Germany Inv (100p)	107
Ebonbrook	80
Faber Prest	181
Geared Inc (100p)	105
Greencore	215
Greenwich Res	19
Headline Book (100p)	123
Manchester Utd (385p)	291 −1
Mirror Group (125p)	97
Miskin Grp	15
Moorgate Smlr Cos (100p)	105
Oryx Gold	261
Pelican Grp	20
Resort Hotels	71
River&Merc Smlr (100p)	101
Smaller Inv Tst (500p)	66
Standard Platform (225p)	105
Sterling Tst	40
TR Euro Growth	96
Tollgate	85
Trio Inv Tst (50p)	38
Unichem	169 +1

● *See main prices page for Electricity shares*

RIGHTS ISSUES

Amber Day N/P	8½
BPB Ind N/P	18 +1
Dart Group N/P	6
Flextech N/P	7 −2
Gardner (DC) N/P	9 +1
Morland N/P	19 −2
Regalian Prop N/P	5
Sainsbury (J) n/p	43
Tie Rack N/P	¾
Willaire N/P	¼

(Issue price in brackets).

WALL STREET

New York

BLUE chips rebounded from early losses to post modest gains in light morning trading.

The Dow Jones industrial average was up 15.66 points at 2,950.36 in early trading.

Early selling was sparked by weak bond prices and the fourth consecutive decline in the Tokyo market.

☐ Tokyo — The Nikkei average ended down 237.27 points, or 1.03 per cent, at 22,898.34, with a light 240 million shares traded. *(Reuter)*

UNIT LINKED INSURANCE INVESTMENTS

The prices in this section refer to Thursday's trading

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Advance continues

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began July 1. Dealings end July 12. §Contango day July 15. Settlement day July 22.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

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No.	Company	Group	Gain or loss
1	Johnson Matthey	Industrials E-K	
2	Matthew Clark	Breweries	
3	Reed Int	Newspapers,Pub	
4	Sainsbury J	Foods	
5	Shandwick	Paper,Print,Adv	
6	Caledonia	Finance,Land	
7	Hammerson	Property	
8	Whitbread 'A'	Breweries	
9	Avon Rubber	Industrials A-D	
10	Reed Executive	Industrials L-R	
11	Bass	Breweries	
12	Salvesen (Chrsn)	Foods	
13	Stand Chart	Banks,Discount	
14	Graig	Transport	
15	Strong & Fisher	Shoes, Leather	
16	Marks Spencer	Drapery,Stores	
17	Macarthy	Industrials L-R	
18	Nat Aust Bk	Banks,Discount	
19	BOC	Industrials A-D	
20	Rank Org	Industrials L-R	
21	Sidlaw	Industrials S-Z	
22	Ansbacher (Henry)	Banks,Discount	
23	Land Sec	Property	
24	Thames Water	Water	
25	Assoc Br Ports	Transport	
26	Ferguson Intl	Paper,Print,Adv	
27	Utd Biscuits	Foods	
28	Unilever	Industrials S-Z	
29	Home Counties	Newspapers,Pub	
30	Blue Circle	Building,Roads	
31	Allied Irish	Banks,Discount	
32	Whitegate	Leisure	
33	Medeva	Industrials L-R	
34	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
35	Welsh Water	Water	
36	Ranger	Oil,Gas	
37	Nthn Foods	Foods	
38	FR Group	Motors,Aircraft	
39	RMC Gp	Building,Roads	
40	Ropner	Industrials L-R	
41	Sthrn Water	Water	
42	Eleco	Industrials E-K	
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Exempt	734.4	780.0●	+8.5	5.38
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	Bid	Offer	Weekly ch'ng	Yld
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Do Acc	70.17	74.85●	+1.35	3.19
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Euro Growth	70.79	75.31	−0.34	1.20
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Hong Kong	45.41	48.55	+2.05	2.89
Income	428.6	456.7	+6.0	5.39
Intl Sp Sits	62.46	66.69●	+0.21	2.13
Jap Gth	212.9	227.7	−1.7	0.00
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Jap Index	63.97	68.27	−0.95	0.21
N Amer	314.4	335.5	+4.7	1.58
Sing Malay	40.09	42.39	−0.46	0.00
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Walton Street Aylesbury, HP21 7QW Tel: 0296 431480				
Eqtble Pelican	100.0	106.2	+1.34	5.28
High Inc	103.7	109.2	+1.59	6.58
Gilt/Fxd Interest	49.30	51.89c	+0.45	9.86
T Of Inv Ts	109.2	116.0	+0.55	3.30
Spec Sits	92.13	96.98	+0.15	4.58
N Am	76.93	80.98	+0.88	1.12
Far East	182.2	191.8c	+1.82	1.34
Intl Gth	75.49	79.46	+0.67	2.32
Euro	56.27	59.18●	−0.20	1.91
Smllr Cos	52.11	54.85●	−0.28	4.70
EQUITY & LAW				
St. George Hse Corporation St. Coventry CV1 1GD Tel: 0203 553231				
UK Gth Accum	251.5	267.6	+4.0	3.85
Do Inc	189.1	201.2	+3.0	3.85
Higher Inc Acc	436.8	466.9	+5.1	5.27
Do Inc	290.6	309.2	+3.3	5.27
Gilt/Fxd Acc	134.6	141.7	+1.9	8.99
Do Inc	80.53	84.77	+1.15	8.99
N America	168.1	178.9	+1.0	0.00
Far East	232.9	247.8	+0.7	0.33
Europe	204.0	217.1	−1.5	0.04
Genl	348.0	370.3	+9.4	3.85
Genl Acc	360.3	383.3	+5.7	3.85
Br Excellence	52.30	55.64	−0.05	3.48
Br Fdmtls Inc	55.80	59.37	−0.74	6.61
Do Acc	65.51	69.70	−0.67	6.61
Global Ops	55.62	59.36	+0.06	0.35

* Yield expressed as CAR (Compound Annual Return) ● Ex dividend, c Cum dividend, k Cum stock split, s Ex stock split, m Cum all (any two or more of above), a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

MONEY MARKETS

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 89.8 (day's range 89.5-89.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Mkt Rates for July 5	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
Amsterdam	3.3153-3.3246	3.3209-3.3246	¾-⅝pr	1⅞-1¾pr
Brussels	60.48-60.82	60.62-60.82	15-10pr	29-25pr
Copenhagen	11.3678-11.4260	11.3993-11.4225	2⅛-1⅞pr	5⅜-4⅞pr
Dublin	1.1000-1.1030	1.1018-1.1028	16-10pr	34-23pr
Frankfurt	2.9453-2.9550	2.9508-2.9543	⅝-⅝pr	1⅝-1⅜pr
Lisbon	256.39-258.80	256.70-258.48	132-174ds	242-309ds
Madrid	184.47-185.55	184.95-185.55	13-21ds	48-61ds
Milan	2189.93-2199.53	2193.32-2197.91	1pr-1ds	2pr-2ds
Montreal	1.8295-1.8498	1.8468-1.8498	0.46-0.40pr	0.64-0.58pr
New York	1.6020-1.6170	1.6160-1.6170	0.72-0.70pr	1.95-1.93pr
Oslo	11.4831-11.5383	11.5059-11.5292	1⅞-⅞pr	2⅞-1⅞pr
Paris	9.9821-10.0087	9.9917-10.0080	1⅝-1⅜pr	3⅜-2⅝pr
Stockholm	10.6421-10.6957	10.6824-10.6951	1⅛-⅞pr	1⅝-⅞pr
Tokyo	221.91-223.63	223.33-223.63	⅝-⅝pr	2-1⅞pr
Vienna	20.7123-20.7736	20.7446-20.7736	4⅞-3⅞pr	10⅞-8⅞pr
Zurich	2.5392-2.5485	2.5420-2.5460	⅝-⅝pr	2-1⅞pr

Source: Extel . *Premium = pr. Discount = ds.*

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	15968.7-15994.7
Australia dollar	2.1023-2.1057
Bahrain dinar	0.6005-0.6085
Brazil cruzeiro*	511.84-512.81
Cyprus pound	0.785-0.795
Finland markka	7.0025-7.0825
Greece drachma	320.4-323.6
Hong Kong dollar	12.4990-12.5010
India rupee	41.57-41.97
Kuwait dinar KD	n/a
Malaysia ringgit	4.4919-4.4964
Mexico peso	4785-4885
New Zealand dollar	2.8395-2.8463
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.9725-6.0525
Singapore dollar	2.8404-2.8443
S Africa rand (fin)	5.2810-5.3516
S Africa rand (com)	4.6786-4.6865
U A E dirham	5.8475-5.9275

*Barclays Bank GTS * Lloyds Bank*

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4565-1.4580
Singapore	1.7645-1.7655
Malaysia	2.7900-2.7910
Australia	1.3058-1.3070
Canada	1.1428-1.1433
Sweden	6.6220-6.6270
Norway	7.1470-7.1520
Denmark	7.0625-7.0675
W Germany	1.8310-1.8320
Switzerland	1.5810-1.5820
Netherlands	2.0590-2.0600
France	6.2150-6.2200
Japan	138.20-138.30
Italy	1360.0-1361.0
Belgium (Com)	37.84-37.88
Hong Kong	7.7636-7.7650
Portugal	159.85-160.05
Spain	114.95-115.05
Austria	12.87-12.89

TREASURY BILLS: Applcts: £2,525m allotted: £500m; Bids: £97.395% received: 14%; Last week: £97.31 % received: 77%; Avge rate: £10.5714% last wk £10.7458%; Next week: £500m.

MONEY RATES (%)

Base Rates: Clearing Banks 11½ Finance Hse 11½
Discount Market Loans: O/night high: 11½ Low 10 Week fixed: 11½
Treasury Bills (Dis): Buying: 2 mth 10$^{27}/_{32}$; 3 mth 10$^{25}/_{32}$. Selling: 2 mth 10¾ ; 3 mth: 10$^{21}/_{32}$.

	1 mth	2 mth	3 mth	6 mth	12 mth
Prime Bank Bills (Dis):	11$^{7}/_{64}$-11$^{5}/_{64}$	10⅞-10$^{13}/_{16}$	10¾-10$^{11}/_{16}$	10⅝-10$^{9}/_{16}$	
Sterling Money Rates:	11⅛-11$^{3}/_{16}$	11⅛-11$^{3}/_{16}$	11$^{3}/_{16}$-11⅛	10⅞-10$^{13}/_{16}$	10⅝-10⅝
Interbank:	11⅜-11$^{5}/_{16}$	11⅛-11$^{3}/_{16}$	11$^{3}/_{16}$-11⅛	10$^{27}/_{32}$-10⅞	10⅝-10⅝
(Overnight: open 11⅜, close 11⅜.					
Local Authority Deps:	11$^{7}/_{16}$	n/a	11⅛	10⅞	10⅝
Sterling CDs:	11⅜-11$^{5}/_{16}$	11$^{3}/_{16}$-11$^{1}/_{16}$	11⅛-11	10$^{13}/_{16}$-10⅞	10⅝-10⅝
Dollar CDs:	6.03-5.98	6.05-6.00	6.13-6.08	6.43-6.38	6.85-6.80
Building Society CDs:	11$^{13}/_{32}$-$^{9}/_{32}$	11⅛-11$^{3}/_{16}$	11$^{5}/_{32}$-$^{1}/_{32}$	10$^{15}/_{16}$-10⅞	10$^{23}/_{32}$-10⅝

EUROPEAN MONEY DEPOSITS (%)

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth	Call
Dollar:	5$^{15}/_{16}$-5$^{7}/_{16}$	6-5$^{13}/_{16}$	6$^{3}/_{16}$-6	6⅜-6$^{5}/_{16}$	5⅞-5
Deutschemark:	9-8⅞	9-8⅞	9$^{3}/_{16}$-9$^{1}/_{16}$	9$^{5}/_{16}$-9$^{3}/_{16}$	8⅝-7⅞
French Franc:	9⅛-9⅞	9⅛-9⅞	9⅛-9⅞	9⅛-9⅞	9⅛-8⅞
Swiss Franc:	8⅛-7⅞	8-7⅞	8-7⅞	8-7⅞	8-7
Yen:	7⅞-7¼	7⅞-7⅞	7$^{3}/_{16}$-7$^{7}/_{16}$	7$^{9}/_{16}$-7$^{7}/_{16}$	7⅞-6⅞

GOLD AND PRECIOUS METALS *(Baird & Co)*

Bullion: Open $369.80-370.30 Close: $369.70-370.20 High: $370.75-371.25
Low: $369.50-370.00 Krugerrand: $369.00-370.00 (£227.00-228.00)
Sovereigns: Old $87.00-88.00 (£53.50-54.50) New $87.00-88.00 (£53.50-54.50)
Platinum: $387.50 (£240.40) **Silver:** $4.54 (£2.805) **Palladium:** $97.25 (£60.35)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Period	Open	High	Low	Close	Volume
FT-SE 100 Previous open interest: 31412	Sep 91 —	2504.0	2530.0	2504.0	2525.0	5594
	Dec 91 —				2564.0	0
	Mar 92 —					0
Three Month Sterling Previous open interest: 118457	Sep 91 —	89.56	89.57	89.49	89.54	20385
	Dec 91 —	89.91	89.92	89.87	89.92	2819
	Mar 92 —	90.01	90.01	89.98	90.00	820
Three Month Eurodollar Previous open interest: 28796	Sep 91 —	93.56	93.56	93.52	93.53	1826
	Dec 91 —	92.98	93.00	92.93	92.95	740
Three Month Euro DM Previous open interest: 98779	Sep 91 —	90.70	90.73	90.66	90.68	13367
	Dec 91 —	90.79	90.81	90.73	90.75	9081
US Treasury Bond Previous open interest: 3631	Sep 91 —	93-22	93-23	93-05	93-10	907
	Dec 91 —				92-24	0
Long Gilt Previous open interest: 39735	Sep 91 —	91-10	92-01	91-10	91-28	31896
	Dec 91 —	91-13	91-13	91-13	91-27	1
Japanese Govt Bond	Sep 91 —	95.18	95.28	95.16	95.26	583
	Dec 91 —				95.56	0
German Govt Bond Previous open interest: 72106	Sep 91 —	84.48	84.53	84.28	84.32	47649
	Dec 91 —	84.70	84.70	84.50	84.54	276
Three month ECU Previous open interest: 4673	Sep 91 —	90.08	90.08	90.04	90.05	235
	Dec 91 —	90.28	90.28	90.24	90.25	106

COMMODITIES

LONDON FOX

COCOA		COFFEE		SUGAR (FOB) C Czarnikow	
Jul	580-578	Jul	532-530	Aug	228.0-23.0
Sep	610-609	Sep	558-555	Oct	198.0-95.2
Dec	648-647	Nov	579-578	Dec	193.0-91.2
Mar	688-686	Jan	601-598	Mar	188.0-86.2
May	710-709	Mar	618-615	May	189.6-86.2
Jul	731-730	May	unq	Aug	195.6-85.2
Sep	752-750	Jul	unq		
Vol: 3739		Vol: 454		Vol: 308	

GNI LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT Close (£/t)		BARLEY Close (£/t)		HI-PRO SOYA Close (£/t)	
Sep	112.10	Sep	110.25	Aug	122.50
Nov	115.00	Nov	113.75	Oct	130.00
Jan	118.60	Jan	117.30	Dec	133.00
Mar	122.00	Mar	119.85	Feb	137.30
May	125.30	May	121.75	Apr	138.30
Vol:	257	Vol:	17	Vol:	8

LONDON POTATO FUTURES

Volume: 21

	Open	Close
Oct (£/tonne)	unq	80.0
Apr	105.0	107.8
May	unq	104.9

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Average fatstock prices at representative markets on July 5

(p/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB:	68.16	130.45	108.38
(+/−)	−2.46	+10.13	+0.54
Eng/Wales:	68.16	130.60	107.48
(+/−)	−2.46	+9.24	+0.67
(%)	−0.9	+1.1	−23.3
Scotland:	n/a	128.62	118.48
(+/−)	n/a	+15.52	+1.88
(%)	n/a	−40.5	−44.5

* Estimated dead carcass weight

LONDON MEAT FUTURES

Live Pig (/kg)

	Open	Close
Jul	100.0	99.8
Aug	unq	99.5
Sep	101.0	100.5

Volume: 21

LONDON OIL REPORTS (ICIS-LOR) - London 6.00pm: News that there had been a leakage of oil at the Brent System helped to firm prices.

CRUDE OILS ($/barrel FOB)

Brent Physical	18.70	+0.25
Brent 15 day (Jul)	18.75	+0.20
Brent 15 day (Aug)	18.90	+0.20
W Texas Intermediate (Aug)	20.85	
W Texas Intermediate (Sep)	20.75	

PRODUCTS (Buy/sell $/MT)

Spot CIF NW Europe (prompt delivery)

	Bid	Offer
Premium Gas .15	237 (−2)	240 (−2)
Gasoil EEC	176 (−1)	178 (−1)
Non EEC 1H Aug	180 (−1)	181 (−1)
Non EEC 1H Sep	182 (n/c)	183 (n/c)
3.5 Fuel Oil	84 (n/c)	86 (n/c)
Naphtha	186 (−1)	189 (−1)

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL

Jul	174.25-74.00	Nov	181.50-81.25
Aug	175.50-75.25	Dec	182.25-82.00
Sep	177.25 SLR	Jan	180.00-79.50
Oct	179.50-79.25		Vol: 6631

BRENT

Jul	18.70-18.80	Sep	18.95-19.00
Aug	18.90-18.95		Vol: n/a

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)

	High	Low	Close
Jul 91	1580	1570	1590
Aug 91	1550	1550	1580
Oct 91	1590	1575	1589
Jan 92	unq	unq	1593

Vol: 134 lots Open interest: 2763
Dry cargo index 1663 −11

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

(Official) (Volume prev day)

	Cash	3mth	Rudolf Wolff
Copper Gde A (£/tonne)	1414.0-1414.5	1426.0-1427.0	Vol: 603000
Lead (£/tonne)	345.00-346.00	350.00-351.00	66375
Zinc Spec Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1072.5-1073.0	1086.0-1086.5	133900
Tin ($/tonne)	5869.0-5870.0	5750.0-5755.0	7700
Aluminium Hi Gde ($/tonne)	1326.0-1327.0	1356.0-1357.0	510225
Nickel ($/tonne):	8950.0-8975.0	8750.0-8775.0	28704

FOX MGMI INDEX

(5pm prices)

	Bid	Offer
Aug	143.00	143.70
Sep	143.20	144.00
Dec	143.80	144.60

Vol: 395

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WEEKEND MONEY

THE TIMES SATURDAY JULY 6 1991

Edited by Lindsay Cook

Rough justice behind closed doors

COMMENT

LINDSAY COOK
WEEKEND MONEY EDITOR

Household name insurance companies keep breaking the rules set in place to protect investors, but their policyholders and those thinking about investing do not know who they are. They can continue to spend millions of pounds telling us what wonderful institutions they are in order to attract new customers without those customers knowing any different.

We can only hope this will change now the Life Assurance and Unit Trust Regulatory Organisation (Lautro) has the power to fine its recalcitrant members.

Until June, this club of life assurance and unit trust companies had virtually no sanctions against those members that offend. Lautro's disciplinary proceedings are private so other members of the self-regulatory organisation do not know the extent of the wrongdoing.

Companies called to order by such proceedings rarely admit they were wrong. They hire leading counsel to battle over every tiny point. Not that they need fear the ignominy of public rebuke or a punitive fine.

In the three years since the Financial Services Act came into operation, Lautro has given publicity to the findings of only three disciplinary hearings.

Agents recruited from those people who knew they would not pass muster to operate as independent financial advisers are a problem for large "respectable" companies. They continually fail to control these salesmen. Time and again, Weekend Money readers name the same companies when agents are accused of misleading or defrauding investors.

Sometimes staff members are at fault, and not only the most junior recruits. Rule-breaking practices are approved of all the way to the boardroom, private Lautro hearings are told. It is time the investing members of the public also hear of such actions.

Fraud, flouting rules to protect investors and using hard-sell techniques are most serious offences and should be dealt with first. There is much more, though, to sort out before the public gets the service it is led to expect from these revered names.

The inability of many leading insurers to cope with the basic paperwork after a sale or an enquiry is appalling.

It is not uncommon for policyholders to wait for months before the pension plan they have signed up for is set up. Existing policyholders' funds are then used to compensate the new investor because direct debits were not taken earlier and invested.

Such is the respect that these long-established insurers have built up that no-one seems able to tackle them. They all tell us of the noble service they provide by keeping widows from penury.

Maybe such public benefaction should also come within the scope of the proposed Citizen's Charter. Then the rights and investments of all policyholders might be protected or at least subject to public scrutiny.

Waiting lesson

News yesterday of the freezing of funds in the UK branches of the Bank of Credit and Commerce International will have been a chilling reminder for Stock Group investors of their plight. They have been waiting more than a year to get at their savings. In June they received a letter saying money frozen since the collapse of British & Commonwealth last June would soon be paid out.

The unsigned circular said the British & Commonwealth Merchant Bank was being bought by Charterhouse. Exchange of contracts should have taken place at the end of June and depositors paid soon after. Those enquiring this week were told that contracts had in fact not been exchanged.

These investors have waited long enough. They waited months to get money from the bank deposit protection scheme because Stock could not supply information about how much was held for each client. The investors, many sold on from other stockbrokers to Stock, are fed up with the delays caused by prospective buyers for the bank.

It is a good lesson for other investors who should get new protection in the next few weeks in the form of client money rules. When these come into operation, investors will be able to insist that any proceeds from the sale of shares or unit trusts are put into a specific bank until the broker is ready to invest again.

However, brokers will only have to tell them which accounts they plan to use and will be free to use a sister company. It will be up to the investor to say they would prefer to use their own High Street bank.

Norwich Union to base charges on postcodes

Subsidence risk forces insurers to raise premiums

By Sara McConnell

ON AUGUST 1, Norwich Union will start charging people more for building insurance if they live in subsidence or storm prone areas. A majority of customers face higher premiums. Sun Alliance, the largest buildings insurer, is expected to follow.

Norwich Union and at least one other big insurer, General Accident, are redrawing maps of Britain defining the areas most at risk from subsidence. Both companies say this exercise is part of a move to charge higher premiums for householders in these areas.

For the first time, Norwich Union will base building insurance premiums on postcodes. Each code will be given a rating according to whether there is a high, medium or low risk of subsidence and storm damage in the area.

The most hard hit will be householders in the home counties, greater London, Cornwall, Essex, Kent and East and West Sussex. They will have to pay £2.40 per £1,000 of cover, up from a previous flat rate of £2 per £1,000. A householder with £200,000 would have to pay an extra £80 a year.

Those in other areas, including Hampshire, Oxford, Devon and Somerset will have to pay slightly more, £2.20 per £1,000. The best off will be people in most of Scotland, the south of Northern Ireland and Mid-Wales whose homes are built on granite. Their premiums will be reduced to £1.80 per £1,000 of cover.

Properties built on clay soil in a broad swathe of the South under a line drawn from Plymouth to the Wash are identified on Norwich Union's new map as high-risk areas for subsidence.

The company has also drawn circles round Manchester, Liverpool and Cheshire in the Northwest, Leeds and Sheffield in the North and an area from Newcastle to Glasgow.

Homes with clay foundations are particularly prone to subsidence because the clay shrinks in dry weather.

Bill Jack, deputy general manager at General Accident, said: "We are redrawing our maps. Subsidence claims will have a serious impact on rates and I would think no insurance company will be in a position to charge the same rate for everyone."

The extra payment could be a couple of pence per £100 of sum insured, he said. A policyholder living in a £200,000 house in a high risk area could end up paying an extra £40 a year if the company added 2p per £100 of sum insured.

Claims for subsidence have soared after two hot summers and two dry winters in 1989 and 1990. The average claim is between £10,000 and £14,000, but companies are reporting payouts of up to £50,000 for complete underpinning of a four-bedroomed detached house.

Annual figures released by the Association of British Insurers revealed a five-fold increase in subsidence claims in 1990, but insurers say this is still increasing.

Small signs of activity in the housing market over the last couple of months are also likely to mean more subsidence claims, insurers say. Home owners often do not realise that they have a subsidence problem until they want to sell and a prospective buyer arranges for a survey.

Gerald Eaton, personal insurances manager at Legal & General, said: "The expectation is that as the housing market livens up, the level of subsidence claims will continue at its current high level."

Norwich Union estimates it will receive 2,000 subsidence claims totalling £22 million by the end of 1991. Last year it paid out £19 million on 1,980 claims, almost double the £10.5 million paid out in 1989.

General Accident made a £40 million provision for subsidence claims last year, after paying out £15 million in 1989. Legal & General saw claims rise by 150 per cent over the last year.

Commercial Union, which has about a million policyholders, paid out £47 million for 5,000 subsidence claims in 1990, nearly triple the £19 million it paid out in 1989. It estimates that claims in the first quarter of this year will total £9 million.

High levels of claims have made insurers cautious about paying out for total underpinning if there are signs that less drastic action would cure a subsidence problem.

Legal & General is updating its guide to subsidence claims sent out to policyholders. "We have put in some stronger messages about dealing with repairs and stressing options other than underpinning. Some houses recover naturally with the removal of a tree or decorative repair," said Mr Eaton.

"If it continues to rain, it will be a great help as the subsoil will recover."

Some companies already refuse to cover properties with a history of subsidence although none will admit to blacklisting whole towns or areas affected by subsidence.

Newer insurers such as Direct Line, the direct motor and household insurance arm of the Royal Bank of Scotland Churchill Insurance, which makes a virtue of its competitive premiums, said it would not take on properties that had had previous problems.

Helen Sullivan, marketing executive at Churchill, said: "If a property had a previous subsidence claim we would not insure it at all. A lot of companies are going to reflect higher subsidence claims in higher premiums for all policyholders."

Chris McKee, underwriting manager at Direct Line, said: "We will accept business unless there is a problem with a particular area. We would not refuse to cover everyone living in Guildford, for example, but would look at a single street or property."

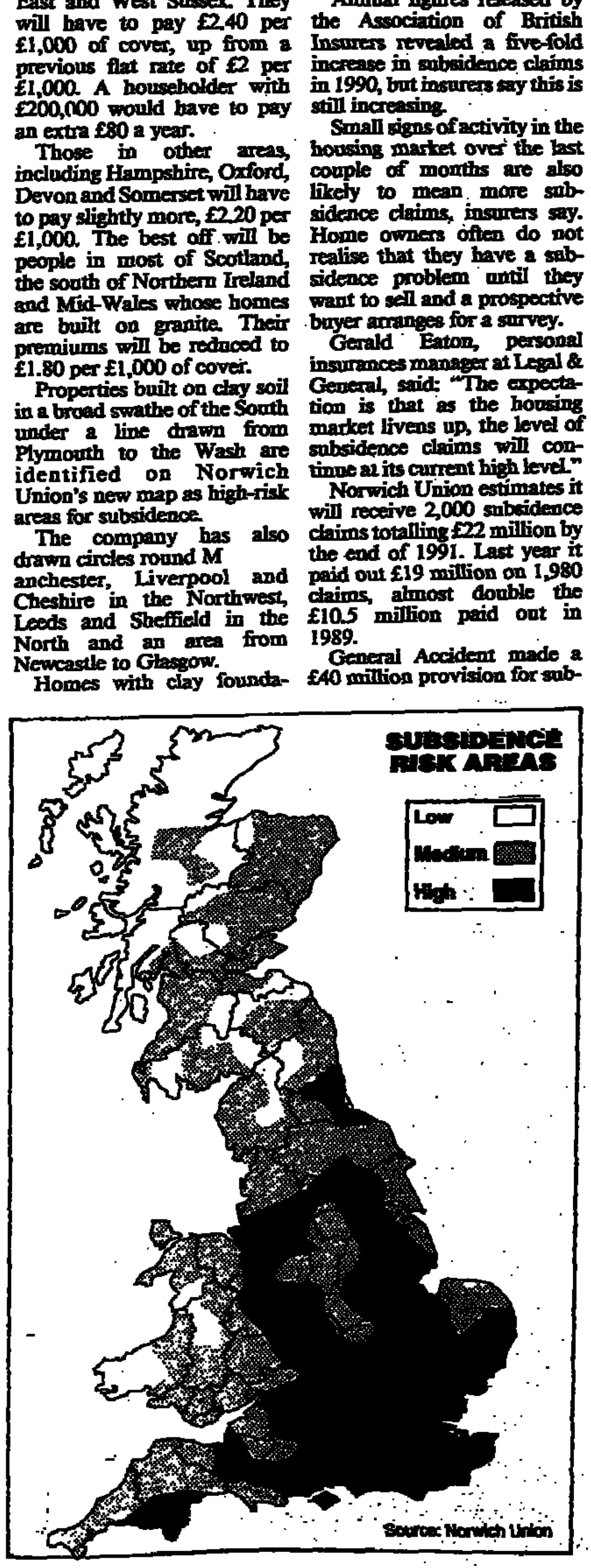
Both companies sell cover direct over the telephone rather than through a broker and ask at the outset whether a property is free from subsidence.

Zurich Insurance keeps a subsidence register of individual problem properties and streets and describes its underwriting policy as "selective". Properties with subsidence claims are put on the register and the owners would be unlikely to get cover again. Colossal losses mean the company is trying to do everything it can to reduce its exposure to subsidence.

Commercial Union said it would also refuse to insure individual houses with a history of subsidence.

Other major insurers say people with subsidence had enough problems without being refused cover, although premiums would have to be weighted accordingly.

Mr Jack, of General Accident, said: "If the house has already had subsidence and has been underpinned, it shouldn't be liable to further problems."



Source: Norwich Union

BRYN COLTON

'Cracks like river deltas': Rosanne Hersee, from Norwich, whose house is being underpinned after subsidence

Telltale signs of trouble

CRACKS at the corners of windows and in door lintels, doors sticking when opened and concrete floors separating from walls can all be signs of subsidence. Other indications can be cracks in walls big enough to insert a pencil and driveways starting to collapse (Sara McConnell writes).

Legal & General's newly updated booklet, *The Legal & General's approach to subsidence claims*, describes subsidence as one type of "ground movement" and says: "A typical cause is the drying of the ground during hot summers causing the soil to shrink and house foundations to drop."

Houses can also start to crack up if they are affected by "heave", the opposite of subsidence. L&G's booklet says: "Heave is upward movement of the ground beneath a building. For example, following the removal of trees in the vicinity of the site, the earth may recover moisture, resulting in the ground expanding and physically lifting the building standing on it."

Trees planted near a house could cause subsidence. In hot weather the roots seek further down for moisture and can spread into the foundation of the house, drying out the soil. Blocked or damaged drains can also cause cracks.

Rosanne gets that shrinking feeling

TWO years ago, Rosanne Hersee noticed cracks in an archway linking her terraced house in Norwich to the one next door. She also noticed a little crack in the wall of her own property. She called in a builder, who refused to carry out repairs to her wall because any hammering or drilling could bring the archway down (Sara McConnell writes).

Ms Hersee's neighbour, who was responsible for the archway, called in a surveyor. He immediately diagnosed subsidence. This week, Ms Hersee moved out of her house to let builders prepare the property for underpinning.

"I've had to take out all the fittings, even the light fittings, so that they don't get damaged, it's all a bit of an upheaval," she said.

She will have to spend between three and six months in a rented house, paid for by Norwich Union, her insurance company, while the house is underpinned. The dry weather over the past two years has made the subsoil deteriorate.

Ms Hersee believed that Norwich was built on a series of chalk tunnels and some parts, particularly those close to the city centre, were badly affected by shrinkage, leading to subsidence.

Her house and the one next door are among several that have suffered in her street. "The houses are on a hillside. My house is worse at the top, and there are big cracks in the ceiling like river deltas."

When the house was bought in 1983 for £20,000 there was no sign of subsidence and it was given a clean bill by a surveyor. Insurance companies say subsidence problems have only come to light in the last two years, leading to a huge increase in claims.

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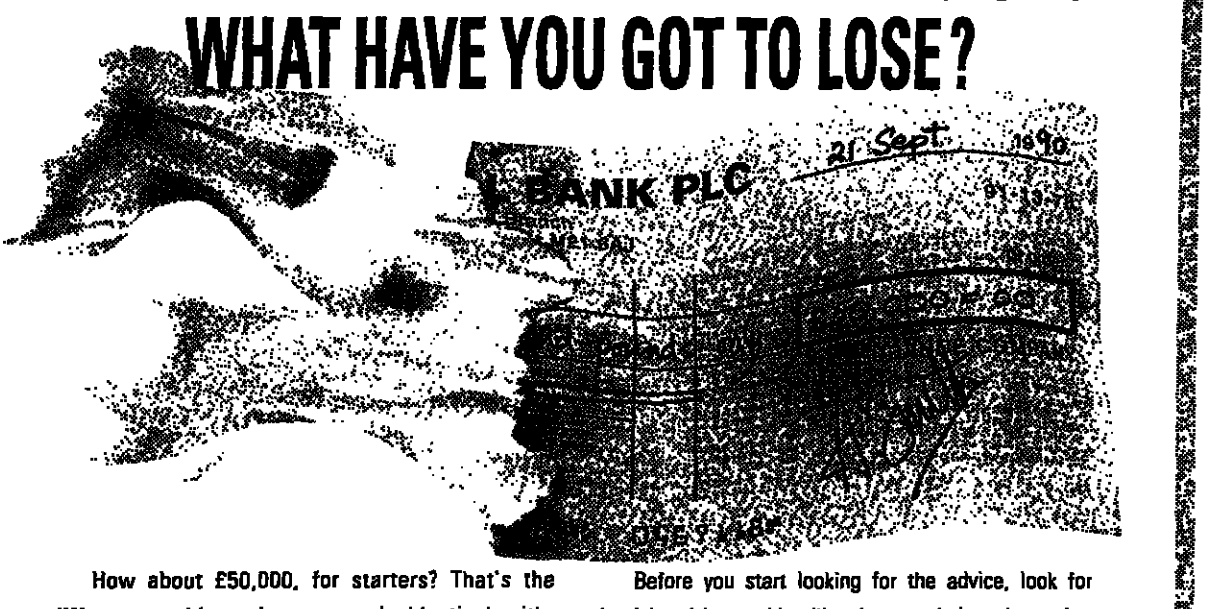

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Dormant, but not forgotten

Lindsay Cook explains how some of the millions of pounds in old bank accounts can be reclaimed

THERE are hidden legacies in grandparents' attics. The mergers of building societies and closure of bank branches over the years mean that millions of pounds lie concealed in old passbooks.

All the financial institutions have different ways of administrating what they term dormant accounts. These date back to the last century and are collectively worth many millions of pounds.

Most contain only small sums and the administrative cost of working out the interest and paying it to the owner can be more than the amount involved.

Old bank passbooks, however, can be misleading. A couple who returned to Australia after two years in London in the Seventies found a passbook last year for a Barclays account. It appeared to contain £323 6s 6d at the time of the last transaction — April 14, 1970.

The branch where the account was held had long since closed and the business transferred to another in the same road. However, no record of the new account could be found at the other branch.

Barclays said this was likely to be because passbooks were abandoned and deposit accounts transferred to statements with new numbers about the time of the last entry in the passbook.

Customers were asked to take their passbooks to their branch at the time to have them scored through. To be absolutely certain that all the money was later withdrawn, the bank needs the new account number issued 20 years ago. Barclays said if money was still held for the customer, it should show up in records. There was no account.

Barclays regards an account as dormant after three years if there have been no transactions and contact has been lost with the customer.

After two years the bank writes to the last known address, and if it receives no reply, the account is classified as dormant and transferred to the chief accountant's office where it is managed. The branch also keeps a record.

Lloyds Bank receives about eight enquiries a week from people trying to trace old accounts. Its records date from 1890. To claim money held, the customer needs to know the name in which the account was held and the branch. The bank has £3 million in dormant accounts.

Current accounts are transferred to the Lloyds Bank head office in Bristol and savings accounts stay at the branch. The bank classifies an account as dormant after three years with no transactions.

National Westminster Bank classifies deposit and savings accounts as dormant after ten years and current and reserve accounts after five. The money is then transferred into one big account.

Technically, the money belongs to the bank after this time, explained a spokesman, but it does not confiscate the funds. The money in accounts is regarded as a debt that the bank owes to customers. If they do not claim it within a certain period the debt could be written off. Any money in dormant accounts, however, is restored to the owners as soon as they ask and show proof of ownership.

Midland Bank said old passbooks often raise false hopes. People who find them in the back of drawers or among the effects of deceased relatives often believe they will collect a large sum. In most cases they do not, because the money was transferred into another account and later withdrawn.

Abbey National does not classify any account as dormant. Even those of the Abbey Road Building Society, before August 1, 1944, are on microfiche or the bank's computer and could be paid out, said a spokesman. "We had one the other day from the early Fifties and the branch was able to deal with it. In some cases it may take a couple of days," he added.

The former building society is still trying to find 390,000 members who have not claimed the free shares issued when it became a public company. The final claim date is July 12 next year, three years after the flotation.

Building society mergers cause confusion for some members. One reader who had £120 in a Gateway account could not find the society when she came to withdraw her money. It merged with the Woolwich in 1988. All customers were informed but she had moved and did not receive the letter.

The Woolwich said customers with dormant accounts can go into any branch and the details of their savings can be called up on the computer. They have to produce evidence of identification before the money is released.

At the Nationwide, accounts can be dealt with by any branch for five years after the last transaction. Before that accounts have to be referred to head office. To help staff and customers, each branch has a list of the 80 societies that merged over the years to form the Nationwide.

The Halifax puts an indicator on accounts when it loses touch with investors. The next time the account is used, an up-to-date address is obtained. Any branch can deal with queries about an old passbook, although pre-decimal ones take a little longer. Many dormant accounts were secretly opened by grandparents for grandchildren.

Often people trying to claim money from banks or building societies do not have a passbook or an account number, just a vague recollection that they had an account and did not close it. Banks and societies can still locate money from such sparse information.

NatWest fixes it for the 21st century homeowner

A MORTGAGE which has its rate fixed into the 21st century was launched by National Westminster Bank this week (writes Lindsay Cook).

The mortgage, at 11.8 per cent (annual percentage rate of 12.6 per cent), compares with the bank's standard rate of 12.45 per cent (APR 13.2 per cent). This is the first time a leading lender has offered a fixed-rate mortgage for longer than five years. The rate is fixed until June 30, 2001.

Lenders offering fixed-rate mortgages report a preference among borrowers for capped loans. With these, the interest rate cannot rise above the rate quoted but can fall below it.

NatWest also has funds fixed at 11.8 per cent for five years. Both loans are only available on endowment and pension mortgages with insurance through NatWest Insurance Services, but existing policies may be acceptable. There is a £300 arrangement fee for both and an early repayment penalty of four months' interest on the 10-year fixed-rate and two months' on the five-year one.

Gillis: extending choice

Gil Gillis, managing director of NatWest Home Loans, said: "Given recent uncertainty over interest rates, and the desire of many customers to fix their repayments to help budgeting, we felt it worthwhile to extend our choice of fixed-rate terms." The bank also offers two-year fixed-rate loans at 11.75 per cent.

The Woolwich Building Society introduces a two-year fixed-rate mortgage on Monday at 10.95 per cent (APR 12.9 per cent). An administration charge of £150 is made and if the loan is redeemed in the first year three months' interest will be charged. In the next year two months' interest will be charged.

Loans can be up to 90 per cent of the value of the property and must be endowment or pension mortgages.

John Charcol, the London mortgage broker, has a mortgage fixed at 10.75 per cent (APR 12.8 per cent) until September 30, 1994. This is available for endowment, pension and personal equity plan mortgages and interest-only loans above £100,000. There is a £250 arrangement fee and a three-month penalty for early repayment.

The broker is also offering a capped-rate loan at the rate of 10.65 per cent (APR 13.1 per cent) to September 1992. Should variable-interest rates fall, the capped rate will follow. This has an arrangement fee of £125 and has no early repayment penalty. It is also available for endowment, pension, Pep or interest-only on loans over £100,000.

The Scarborough Building Society also has a capped mortgage. Its offering has a maximum payment rate of 10.95 per cent (APR 11.68 per cent) until September next year.

M&G, the investment group, is offering mortgages capped at 10.95 per cent (APR 11.62 per cent) until June 30, 1992. There is a £350 arrangement fee. A £100 administration fee will be charged for early redemption.

Confederation Life is offering a five-year fixed-rate mortgage at 11.75 per cent (APR 12.8 per cent). Previously it offered fixed-rate loans at 11.95 per cent over five years.

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Kleinwort and CNW to move into trusts

By SARA MCCONNELL

TWO investment trusts aiming to provide a mixture of income and capital growth are being launched over the next few weeks.

The Kleinwort Benson Investment Trust Management high income trust is split with 60 per cent in blue chips for income and 40 per cent in zero dividend preference (ZDP) shares for growth.

Both parts have a seven-year life, over which Kleinwort promises fixed capital growth of 11.5 per cent a year from the ZDPs. The income from shares should provide an initial gross yield of 10 per cent.

All the shares in the trust up to an annual limit of £6,000 can be transferred into a personal equity plan (Pep). During the intial offer period of the trust from July 5 to July 28, a 4 per cent initial charge will be waived.

County NatWest Investment Management's smaller companies investment trust has a fixed life of 10 years and will hold ordinary smaller companies shares with warrants attached on a 1 for five basis at 100 pence per share. giving investors the right to subscribe to shares between 1993 and 1998 at the original price. The shares are expected to have an initial gross dividend of 4.5 per cent. There are no guaranteed returns.

Investors can transfer holdings into a pep. County wants to attract £25 million before the July 17 closing date and has already received around £14 million from institutional investments. A further £7 million is expected from private investors through the independent financial adviser Hargreaves Lansdown and NatWest Financial Services, the independent arm of NatWest bank, could bring in £2.5 million. County is hoping to attract £1.5 million through press advertising.

Roaring away with the Abbey

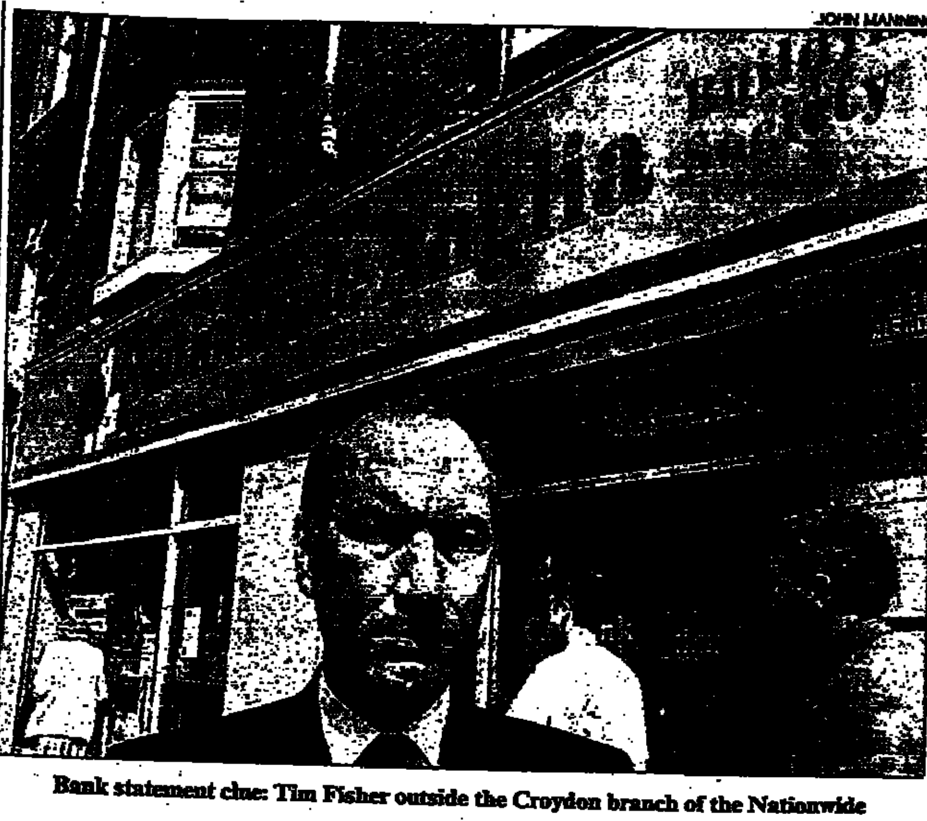
ABBEY National is giving away red sports cars to everyone who takes out a car loan with the bank.

The eight-inch radio-controlled models of the Porsche 911 are part of the summer car loan promotion launched in time for the new J registration prefix next month (Lindsay Cook writes).

Unfortunately the bank's loans will not extend to buying a full-size new model of a car. They are limited to a maximum of £10,000.

The interest rate works out at an annual percentage rate of 26.4 per cent for loans above this. Borrowers must be at least 21 years old.

To help buyers to choose their vehicle, Abbey National has produced a 16-page car buyer's guide. Payments can be made over 12, 24, 36, or 48 months.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Bank statement clue: Tim Fisher outside the Croydon branch of the Nationwide

Double trouble at the Nationwide

By LINDSAY COOK, MONEY EDITOR

More than 17,000 Nationwide Building Society borrowers were charged twice for their mortgages in June and 2,400 were still waiting for a refund and a letter of explanation four weeks later.

One borrower was alerted when his bank statement showed him to be overdrawn. Another found that money was transferred from her deposit account to her current account to cover the extra mortgage payment.

Meanwhile, another Nationwide customer is finding difficulty paying his mortgage because of a direct debit muddle that put him six months in arrears without being informed.

The first mistake occurred on June 4, when 17,400 borrowers who pay by direct debit and are on the society's annual review scheme had two debits taken from their account on the same day. It resulted from the June mortgage rates cut.

The society debited the old and wrong amount from bank accounts and then took the new lower amount. Unfortunately, the first debit was not restored to accounts immediately, causing problems for most of the borrowers.

Normally, the annual review payments are changed in January, but the society decided to cut payments in June as mortgage rates had fallen from 14.5 per cent to 12.95 per cent since the last change.

Sue Walker, of Bletchingley, Surrey, only learnt of the double payment when Tim Fisher, a colleague, who also has a Nationwide mortgage, told her a double payment had made him overdrawn.

Mrs Walker contacted her bank on June 12 to find that her arrangement to transfer money from her savings account when her current account is in danger of becoming overdrawn, had been triggered. The cost of the transfer was £20, plus the subsequent loss of interest. Last Monday, she finally received a faxed message asking her to telephone the Nationwide as it could not find her records.

"My bank has still not been reimbursed and I have told it to stop the July payment. I find it extraordinary that a month later they have not sent out a letter of apology.

"I was told by one member of staff that people who telephoned to complain were getting priority. My bank has already offered to take over the mortgage."

Mr Fisher said he was lucky he had requested a bank statement the Saturday before his mortgage payment was due. It had arrived after June 4 and showed two deductions.

The Nationwide said 15,000 of the customers affected had received a letter within a week to ten days explaining the mistake, and cheques had been sent to their banks to repay the extra payment. They were told the society would reimburse them for any bank charges or loss of interest. The society has decided to take the July payment later in the month to compensate the borrowers.

But some customers did not receive a letter and cheques were not credited to their accounts during June, said the spokeswoman. They were 2,400 customers whose loans had not originated with Nationwide and their mortgages were dealt with differently. Letters were due to go out to them shortly and cheques were being sent to their banks.

In Bristol, Oliver Lovibond, a retired solicitor, changed from a standing order to a direct debit at the request of the Nationwide last year. In February, he discovered from his bank statement that no mortgage payment had been debited for four months. When he visited the local branch of the society he was told that two figures had been transposed in his current account number. The correct number was supplied and he was assured that payments would resume.

"I was told that the reason I had not previously been notified of the arrears was that they didn't give such notification until arrears reached £1,000," said Mr Lovibond.

In mid-April, he found no payments had been taken in March or April and he contacted the society to find his arrears stood at £800, which he paid. Yesterday, he expected to become three months in arrears again through no fault of his own.

A spokesman for the Nationwide said "a combination of errors" caused Mr Lovibond's payments not to be collected. These had been rectified and from August his account would be debited.

Reversionary seeking a BES first

A BUSINESS expansion scheme (BES) that will buy the homes of elderly people and lease them back to them is aiming to raise £10 million (Lindsay Cook writes).

Reversionary Gains plc, launched yesterday by Neill Clerk, the Scottish solicitor, is the first assured-tenancy scheme to offer home reversion. It will buy family properties from elderly home owners at a "substantial discount to the freehold market value" and then offer them a tenancy for life. The price paid will vary according to the age and sex of the home owner.

Because the prices paid will be lower than the market value of the property, there will be "potential for substantial capital gain," Reversionary Gains says.

Unlike other BES schemes, Reversionary Gains will not be able to organise its rentals so that all the properties are vacant after five years. This means that liquidation certificates will have to be issued for occupied properties, and a market has been arranged in these through the monthly auctions of Foster & Cranfield.

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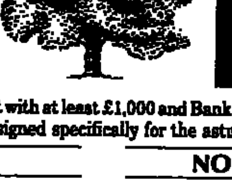

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INTEREST RATES ROUND-UP

	Nominal rate	Compounded at tax rates 25%	40%	Min/max Investment £	Notice	Contact
BANKS						
Ordinary Dep A/c:						
Typical	2.83	2.88	2.12	none/none	7 day	—
Fixed Term Deposits:						
Barclays	8.06	8.06	6.45	25,000-50,000	1 mth	071-626 1567
"	7.88	7.88	6.30	25,000-50,000	3 mth	071-626 1567
Lloyds	7.03	7.03	5.62	2,500-no max	1 mth	Local Brnch
"	7.07	7.07	5.66	2,500-no max	6 mth	Local Brnch
Midland	7.40	7.40	5.92	10,000-no max	1 mth	0742 528655
" " "	7.17	7.17	5.74	10,000-no max	3 mth	0742 528655
NatWest	7.31	7.31	5.85	10,000-24,000	1 mth	071-726 1000
" " "	7.31	7.31	5.85	10,000-24,000	6 mth	071-726 1000
HIGH INTEREST CHEQUE ACCOUNTS						
Bank of Scotland HMC	7.23	7.48	5.98	2,500‡	none	031-442 7777
Barclays Prime a/c	6.56	6.72	5.38	2,500‡	none	0604 252891
Co-operative Ultra	3.00	3.00	2.40	1,000‡	none	071 626 6543
Girobank	5.63	5.63	4.50	1,000‡	none	051 966 2076
Lloyds HICA	2.83	2.88	2.12	1,000‡	none	0272 433372
Midland HICA	5.81	5.89	4.71	2,000‡	none	0742 528655
NatWest Special Reserve	6.00	6.14	4.91	500‡	none	071-374 3374
Royal Bank of Scot Prem A/c	6.83	7.00	5.60	2,500	none	031-556 8555
TSB Bank HICA	5.81	5.81	4.65	2,000‡	none	071-600 6000
BUILDING SOCIETIES						
Ordinary Share A/c	5.25	5.25	4.20	1 min	none	—
Best buy — largest socs:						
Portman	8.25	8.25	6.60	500 min	none	—
Cheltenham & Gl	9.19	9.19	7.35	2,500 min	none	—
Northern Rock	9.00	9.00	7.20	25,000 min	30 day	—
Town & Country	8.81	8.81	7.05	10,000 min	90 day	—
Bradford & Bing	9.62	9.62	7.70	25,000 min	1 year	—
Best buy — all socs:						
Cheltenham & Gl	9.19	9.19	7.35	2,500 min	none	—
St Pancras	8.25	8.25	6.60	2,000 min	30 day	—
Cheshire	8.81	8.81	7.05	10,000 min	60 day	—
National Count	9.64	9.64	7.71	25,000 min	90 day	—
Bradford & Bing	9.62	9.62	7.70	25,000 min	1 year	—
Cash/Cheque Accounts:						
Halifax Card Cash	3.83	3.83	3.06	50 min		Rates rise
Alliance & Leic Cash Plus	4.15	4.15	3.30	25 min		with larger
Nationwide Anglia Flex	1.88	1.88	1.50	1 min		balances

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	Nominal rate	25%	40%	Min/max Investment £	Notice	Contact
NATIONAL SAVINGS						
Ordinary A/c¹	5.00	3.75	3.00	5-10,000	8 day	041-649-4555
Investment A/c	11.00	8.25	6.60	5-25,000	1 mth	041-649-4555
Income Bond*	11.75	8.81	7.05	2,000-25,000	3 mth	0253 66151
Deposit Bond*□	11.75	8.81	7.05		3 mth	041-649-4555
36th Issue Cert²†	8.50	8.50	8.50	25-5,000	8 day	091-386 4900
Yearly Plan†	8.50	8.50	8.50	20-200/mth	14 day	091-386 4900
General Extension Rate†	5.01	5.01	5.01			
Capital Bond	11.50	8.62	6.90	100-100,000	5 yrs	041-649-4555
GUARANTEED INCOME BONDS						
Alico	9.25	9.25	7.88	50,000 min	1 yrs	Figures from
Financial Assur	9.20	9.20	7.82	5,000 min	2 yrs	Chase de
Prosperity	9.30	9.30	7.91	2,000 min	3 yrs	Vere
Aegon Life	9.45	9.45	8.03	50,000 min	4 yrs	071 404 5766
Aetna	9.65	9.65	8.20	25,000 min	5 yrs	for details

		Holiday rates	£ buys
RPI (May 90-91)	+5.8%	Spanish Pesetas:	179.00
Bank Base Rate	11.5%	French Francs:	9.73
Personal Loan	24%	Greek Drachmas:	310.00
Credit Card	19.6-32%	Italian Lire:	2135.00

¹2.5% for balances below £500, first £70 of interest tax free, instant access for withdrawals of £100 or less ² Additional holdings up to £10,000 for investors re-investing proceeds of existing matured certificates †Tax free *Interest taxable paid gross ‡Higher rates for larger sums □ No longer on sale

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LARGER LOANS

Lender	Interest Rate %	Loan Size	Max %	Notes
BUILDING SOCIETIES				
Chelsea 0242 521391	10.95	30K+	80	After 1.3% discount for 1 year
Norwich & Peterbor. 0733 371371	10.45	to 100K	95	After 2% discount to 31.12.91
Yorkshire 0274 734822	11.30	50K+	85	After 1.15% reduction for first year
BANKS				
Barclays 0203 694242	11.20	£80-500K	50	After 1.25% discount for first year
OTHER (INSURANCE COMPANY)				
Abbey Life 0202 292373	11.70	£15-150K	95	Endowment only. Rate capped to June 1992

Source: Bay's Guides Ltd. Financial Information Providers 0753 880482

LETTERS

Italians spring surprise charge for Eurocheques

From E.R. Wastnedge

Sir, We recently took a holiday in Italy and went armed, as usual, with Eurocheques as our main means of exchange. We have always found that Eurocheques present no difficulties, so imagine our surprise when the hotel said they would charge us 1,000 lire for each cheque we used. (This was good compared with travellers cheques for which they charged 2,000 lire and gave a very low rate of exchange).

Needless to say, we went to a bank in the nearby town of Malcésine, but there, in the Banca Populare di Verona, we not only received casual and off-hand treatment but were charged 1,000 lire per cheque. Eventually, we found a bank which charged only 500 lire.

Pointing out that we already were paying charges at home got us nowhere, of course, and we had to resign ourselves to the situation. But what was more irritating was the response of the Thomas Cook rep in our local Midland Bank who simply said that because of the recession the Italian banks and hotels were trying to make as much money as possible out of tourists. He seemed to think that this was perfectly reasonable.

By now, tears were streaming down my cheeks at the thought of the poor impoverished Banca di Verona and the proprietors of the Don Pedro Hotel. But I was still having to pay twice to use Eurocheques. Will British banks take any action to eliminate this form of profiteering?

Yours faithfully,
E.R. WASTNEDGE,
34 Croft Park,
Wetheral,
Carlisle, Cumbria.

From C.V. Howard

Sir, Should commission be charged by banks on cashing travellers cheques made out in the local currency and for which dues have already been paid in the UK?

I have recently returned from a holiday in Spain. I took with me Thomas Cook travellers cheques in pesetas. In Madrid I cashed 20,000 pesetas worth at a branch of Barclays Bank, where I was charged 850 pesetas for the honour. In Jalon, near Alicante, I cashed 35,000 pesetas at a local Spanish bank; they charged no commission. Why the difference?

Yours faithfully,
C.V. HOWARD,
Durham Cottage,
Lower Farm Lane,
Mollington, Oxfordshire.

From Mr I. Mattin

Sir, The hotel in Austria that I holiday in does not accept credit cards but welcomes Eurocheques.

In our shop in the UK we recently took a £250 sterling Eurocheque from a German visitor. The charges deducted by our bank (Barclays) came to £14.50. The charge on a credit card would be £5.00. There seems to be something amiss.

Yours faithfully,
I. MATTIN,
The Brindles,
Briscoe Road,
Hoddesdon, Hertfordshire.

Executors given excellent service

From Mr Archibald Campbell

Sir, Like Mr Wheeler (Weekend Money letters, June 29) I was also a joint executor of my mother's estate.

My mother, the other executor and myself had nearly 200 years of experience of banking at Barclays. We received a letter of condolence, and the help they gave us extended not only to the handwriting of cheques before probate was granted for the funeral expenses, but also to the waiving of charges when the executors' account had inadvertently become overdrawn, and when a cheque that had strayed had to be stopped and other arrangements made for funds to be transferred.

In fact, I cannot think of a single occasion when charges were raised against the executors' accounts nor when requests made to the bank were not dealt with rapidly and efficiently.

Yours faithfully,
ARCHIBALD CAMPBELL,
Bransbury,
Long Park,
Chesham Bois,
Buckinghamshire.

Pension loss

From Mr Kenneth Winfield

Sir, I shall be 65 on Tuesday, July 9, and having paid sufficient contributions to the state scheme, including Serps and graduated earnings, I will qualify for a pension of £90.60 per week.

Unfortunately for me, this will not be paid until July 15, the first Monday after one's birthday, so I lose £77.65. I've heard of swings and roundabouts but this is more like dodgems.

Yours faithfully,
KENNETH W. WINFIELD,
Oak Bluffs,
Chipperfield, Hertfordshire.

Bully boy tactics over direct debits

From Mr Dennis W. Bull

Sir, I object in principle to direct debit because I do not want other people having access to my bank account; and Mr Bullock in his letter (Weekend Money, June 22) confirmed my suspicions of the shortcomings of this obnoxious system.

Unfortunately, many companies and organisations now refuse standing orders and insist on direct debit. These bully boy tactics have recently been adopted by British Telecom, who have cancelled my budget account because I refused to change my method of monthly payments from standing order to direct debit.

Yours faithfully,
DENNIS W. BULL,
5 St Cybi Rise,
Llangybi,
Usk, Gwent.

Homes threat

From Mr David Goslett

Sir, The latest statistics on mortgage arrears are alarming and a potential threat to homelessness, a serious social problem.

Home Equity Share has proved successful in stimulating home sales and could equally help in the present situation. The lenders could be allowed to increase their equity ratios so that they could buy a percentage of the borrower's home. Their capital would have to be used by the borrower to pay off arrears and perhaps to reduce the monthly repayments for a set term. The lender would share in equity growth when their home was eventually sold and the lender's security would obviously be the home.

An additional benefit would be that the housing market would stabilize, because less enforced sales would be coming on to the market which is, at the moment, seriously depressing it.

Yours faithfully,
DAVID GOSLETT,
Managing director,
Showhouses,
Unit 28,
Barwell Business Park,
Leatherhead Road,
Chessington, Surrey.

Bonds fail shares test

From Mr John Westcombe

Sir, I wonder if other readers share my concern about the relative performances of bonds and shares.

The main question is: why is it that insurance bond managers do so much less well than ordinary investors in privatisation shares. Surely, in respect of managed and equity sectors, they ought to do as well.

In fact, aren't they paid to do better?

Over virtually any period you select, a modest collection of privatisation shares does significantly better than a similar investment in two middle of the road (eg NPI and GRE) managed and equity bonds. There was some parity until early September 89, when the bonds peaked, never to recover that position. The shares, subject of course to some fluctuations, have generally shown a rise, and have made 18 per cent since that date. All this, completely removing both rights issues and dividends from the calculations!

Are we wrong to assume that managers cast an expert eye over our money, and if we buy equities, a bond specialising in them should do better than we can, sitting on a few now rather ancient governmental distributions?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WESTCOMBE,
New Road,
Broxbourne,
Hertfordshire.

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BRIEFINGS

☐ National Savings' children's bonus bonds will be on sale in post offices across the country from Monday offering a guaranteed tax-exempt 11.84 per cent over five years including a bonus on the fifth anniversary of 47.36 per cent of the purchase price.

The maximum holding per child in the bonds is £1,000, bought in units of £25. Anyone over 16 can buy them for anyone under 16. The bonds will continue to grow until the holder is 21, when the final bonus is added. Monday will also see the start of National Savings' television and press campaign to advertise the bonds.

☐ The Britannia Building Society has also announced a children's account. The Brighter Savers Account pays 7.1 per cent gross a year, a compound annual rate of 7.22 per cent. Interest is paid every six months. The account, which is open to children under 16, gives instant access and has a minimum investment of £1.

☐ Investors will be able to earn an extra 0.5 per cent of fixed interest on any five-year Black Horse Gemini bonds taken out before August 31.

Investments of between £2,000 and £19,999 will earn a fixed rate of 9 per cent instead of 8.5 per cent. Sums of between £20,000 and £100,000 will earn 8.75 per cent instead of 9.25 per cent.

Half the investment in the bond, from the financial services arm of Lloyds bank, is invested in a guaranteed bonus bond and half goes into an investment bond investing in Black Horse unit-linked funds. The offer could close earlier if demand is high.

☐ Skandia Life's new guaranteed income bond will pay 9 per cent a year net. Interest will be paid at the end of each year and capital invested will be returned in full at the end of the second year. Minimum investment is £3,000.

☐ Motorists taking out a Sun Alliance Motorist 50+ or Value Plus motor policy can buy the company's roadside rescue cover for an extra £37.50.

The Rescue Plus cover gives access to a network of rescue vehicles which should answer calls for help in an average of 35 minutes.

It also covers the cost of towing the car to the garage or transporting the policyholder, the vehicle and up to five passengers anywhere in the country.

☐ National Westminster Bank has launched a free advisory service to explain permanent health insurance, level term assurance and family income benefit, and unit-linked whole of life assurance.

The National Security Service will be available to people who contact their local National Westminster branch. The bank said that its staff were not paid on commission, so would not try to sell unsuitable policies to customers.

☐ Birmingham Midshires, which is the 11th largest building society in the country, is offering overseas savers the same range of accounts as its customers in the United Kingdom, paying the interest gross.

The Quantum instant access account with a minimum investment of £10 pays between 5 per cent and 12 per cent gross. The Quantum high interest account pays between 10.57 per cent and 13 per cent with a minimum of £500. The Quantum monthly income account has a minimum balance of £1,000 and pays between 10.10 per cent and 12.40 per cent gross, while the Quantum Tessa pays 13 per cent. The Tessa has a £25 minimum investment.

☐ The number of occupational and personal pension schemes registered with the Registrar of Pension Schemes has now reached 32,000, covering three million scheme members and 40,000 employers, according to the latest bulletin from the Pensions Registry.

All schemes have to register by July 31. The Registry will then help employees chase frozen pension funds still in the hands of previous employers.

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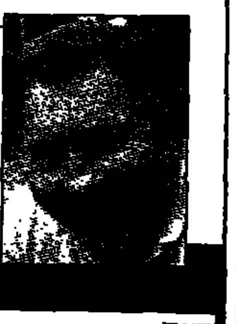

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Portfolio PLATINUM

For readers who may have missed a copy of *The Times* this week, we repeat below the week's *Portfolio* price changes (today's are on page 29).

Share No	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Weekly Total
1	+1	+4	+2	+2	+3		
2	+3	+7	+6	+2	+6		
3	+3	+5	+3	+1	+5		
4	+1	+4	+4	+2	+4		
5	+2	+6	+4	+1	+6		
6	+2	+6	+5	+3	+5		
7	+5	+2	+4	+4	+8		
8	+1	+4	+2	+1	+3		
9	+2	+5	+4	+1	+6		
10	+5	+4	+5	+6	+7		
11	+4	+2	+4	+4	+7		
12	+3	+4	+3	+2	+6		
13	+4	+2	+4	+5	+7		
14	+3	+7	+6	+2	+6		
15	+1	+3	+3	+2	+3		
16	+1	+4	+2	+1	+5		
17	+2	+3	+3	+3	+3		
18	+2	+6	+3	+1	+5		
19	+3	+8	+7	+1	+5		
20	+2	+2	+3	+3	+4		
21	+1	+5	+4	+1	+5		
22	+4	+8	+5	+2	+5		
23	+5	+1	+5	+6	+7		
24	+2	+6	+5	+1	+5		
25	+1	+3	+3	+1	+3		
26	+2	+6	+2	+2	+5		
27	+5	+1	+4	+5	+6		
28	+4	+7	+7	+2	+6		
29	+2	+2	+4	+3	+4		
30	+2	+7	+7	+2	+5		
31	+3	+5	+2	+1	+5		
32	+3	+8	+6	+1	+5		
33	+5	+2	+4	+5	+6		
34	+1	+3	+2	+2	+3		
35	+1	+3	+3	+1	+3		
36	+7	+1	+4	+4	+6		
37	+4	+7	+5	+3	+5		
38	+6	+3	+4	+5	+6		
39	+2	+5	+2	+1	+5		
40	+5	+1	+4	+3	+6		
41	+1	+2	+2	+2	+3		
42	+2	+5	+3	+2	+5		
43	+4	+2	+5	+5	+8		
44	+2	+7	+6	+3	+5		

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NET ASSET VALUE UP 19.7% AND INTERIM DIVIDEND UP 10%

	Six months ended 31.5.91	31.5.90	Year to 30.11.90
Net earnings per ordinary share	2.61p	2.47p	5.22p
Dividend per ordinary share	2.20p	2.00p	4.30p
Net Assets per ordinary share	188.1p	196.3p	157.1p

The net asset value per ordinary share rose by 19.7% from 157.1p at 30th November 1990 to 188.1p at 31st May 1991, compared with an increase in the Datastream Investment Trust Asset Index of 17.8%.

The Board has declared an interim dividend of 2.20p net per ordinary share, an increase of 10% over the 2.00p paid last year. It is the Board's intention to pay a total dividend for the year of not less than 4.60p. Copies of the Interim Report and information on the KB Investment Trust Savings Scheme are available from the Secretary, 10 Fenchurch Street, London EC3M 3LB.

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MOTOR RACING

Senna establishes control as his rivals feel the heat

From NORMAN HOWELL IN MAGNY COURS, FRANCE

THE story of the first day of grand prix competition at Magny Cours was one of blistering heat, shattered glass, an errant hare and a short-lived strike, and, amidst it all, Ayrton Senna the reigning world champion, reasserting his authority on the sport. After a competitive practice session, Senna had secured a provisional pole position on the grid for tomorrow's French grand prix, half a second of his nearest rival, Nigel Mansell.

The Brazilian was back to his usual best. After a workmanlike first lap on qualifying tyres, he waited in the pits for the other contenders to show their hand. Mansell, Alain Prost, Jean Alesi and Riccardo Patrese all followed him out on to circuit, with Mansell doing particularly well, setting the fastest time so far. Just behind him were the two Ferrari drivers, who seem finally to have a car that can do justice to their undoubted abilities.

Then Senna pounced. Like a big, lazy, predatory cat who knows just how to conserve his energies for the kill, he slipped out of the pit lane and struck. With a time of 1min 16sec, he was back in pole position and, since Prost has already said that pole is crucial on this circuit as it is so hard to overtake, in control.

Indeed, the course that has come under some fairly heavy criticism already. Among the reasons are the fact that it is narrow and because it has chicanes and first gear turns that seem designed only to slow the cars down.

The heat has descended like an opressive blanket over the hilly and green countryside around Magny Cours. If it stays like this, tomorrow's race will hinge very much on which team can achieve the right cooling conditions, while tyre changes will also play an important part in the overall strategy.

As it was, yesterday's practice was not affected too much by the high temperatures, except for the fact that the Pirelli-shod cars, the Benettons and Tyrrells in particular, did slither and slide on the smooth surface a great deal.

It made for great entertainment, but Pirelli were quick to shift the blame on the missing presence of John Barnard and Harvey Postlethwaite, the senior designers, who recently left their teams and who might have corrected the under and oversteering problems which afflicted both teams at a much earlier stage.

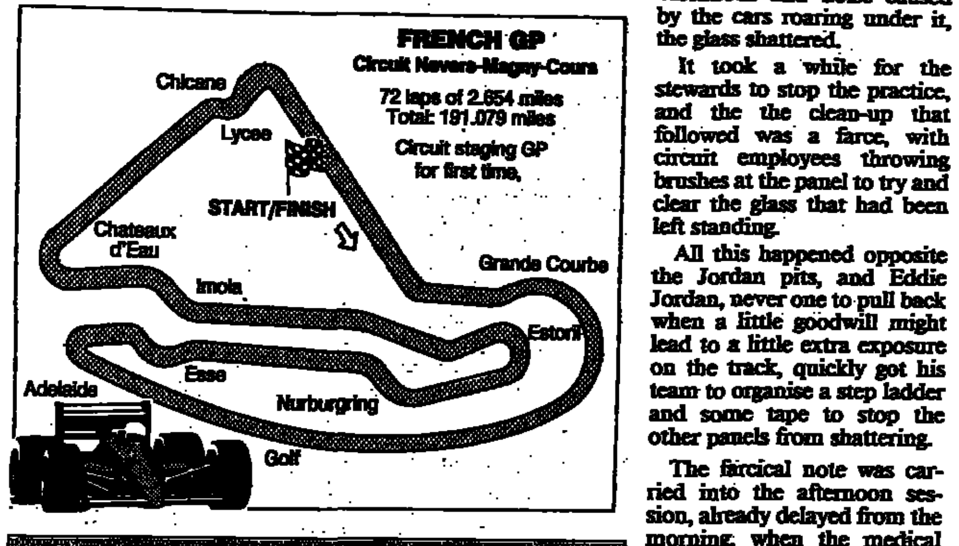
The morning-free practice was twice held up by unusual incidents. First, a hare on the loose brought confusion to the pit lane.

Though that raised a smile, however, the other interuption was more serious. Just below the start/finish gantry, the organisers have suspended a number of electronic boards, all smartly covered in new, shiny glass. Affected by the vibrations and noise caused by the cars roaring under it, the glass shattered.

It took a while for the stewards to stop the practice, and the the clean-up that followed was a farce, with circuit employees throwing brushes at the panel to try and clear the glass that had been left standing.

All this happened opposite the Jordan pits, and Eddie Jordan, never one to pull back when a little goodwill might lead to a little extra exposure on the track, quickly got his team to organise a step ladder and some tape to stop the other panels from shattering.

The farcical note was carried into the afternoon session, already delayed from the morning, when the medical staff, unhappy because of a catering failure, crowded the exit to the pit lane, hinting that if food was not forthcoming, they would be slow to move off. They were fed, but it proved to be an expensive meal for the circuit organisers, as they were later fined $20,000 for delaying the start of the race. It was a lot of money for a few pate sandwiches.



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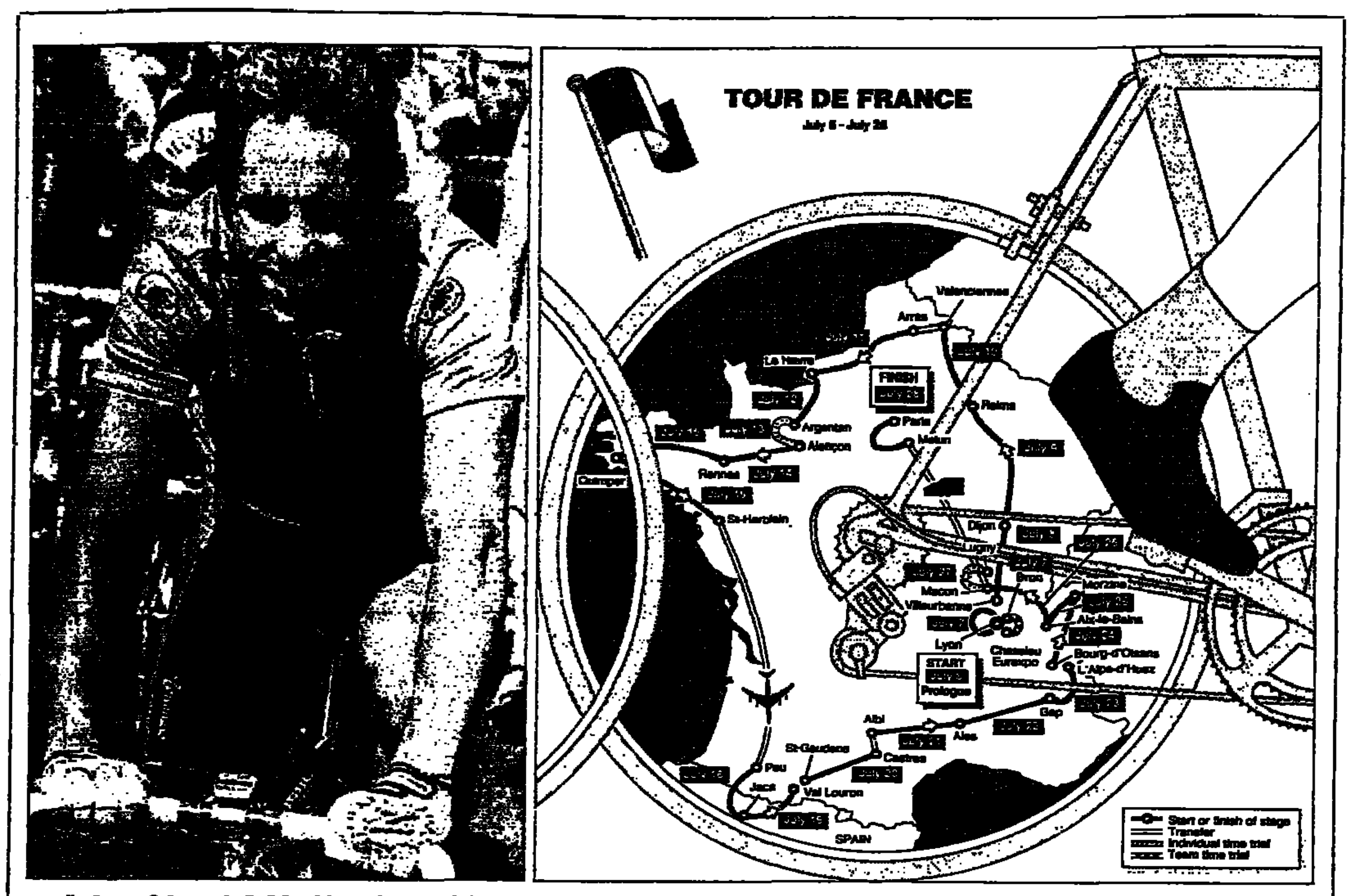

In front of the pack: LeMond is ready to lead the riders on a winding route around France as he strives for his third successive Tour victory

LeMond sets sights on a record

By PETER BRYAN

GREG LeMond today starts what many believe to be his "Mission Impossible": a third successive victory in the Tour de France to bring his total to four. He has not won a race this year.

For the 23-day Tour, LeMond can expect to be in or out of the saddle, depending on whether the terrain is flat or uphill, for 2,462 miles, beginning in Lyon and then riding in an anti-clockwise direction around France, with a brief but vicious mountainous incursion across the Pyrenees to Spain, before the weary survivors put on their brakes for the last time at the finish in the Champs-Elysées in Paris on July 28.

From a financial point of view, LeMond, aged 30, need never turn a pedal in competition again since he is a millionaire. He is also a sportsman who still lives with gunshot in his heart-lining, legs and back as a result of shooting accident in the United States four years ago.

LeMond's approach to racing is disarming. He knows his physical strengths and weaknesses and will not bow to outside pressures to change his style of preparation, which does not seek success in early-season events but rather to use them as a build-up for *Le Tour*, on which he stakes everything.

A third successive victory this year will not put him ahead in the record books. Louison Bobet, of France, was the first to achieve the feat in 1953, 1954 and 1955, to be succeeded by his compatriot, Jacques Anquetil, who went one better, winning four times from 1961-64, a feat later equalled by the Eddy Merckx, of Belgium, whose run was achieved between 1969 and 1972. Anquetil, Merckx and Bernard Hinault, of France, have each won this most demanding of races five times, which leaves LeMond still with a lot to do if he wants to join that special group.

Two years ago, the American succeeded - brilliantly with a last-day time-trial victory into Paris that gave him overall victory by eight seconds from Laurent Fignon, of France. Last year, LeMond played his winning card on the penultimate stage, and again in a time trial, to wrest the lead from Claudio Chiappucci, of Italy.

The time trial today, a mere sprint of 5.3km, is unlikely to be the deciding factor this year, but tomorrow, in a split stage, there is a team race against the clock of 43km and two further individual time trials of 72km and 57km before the final flag, all three of which could influence the outcome.

The Tour de France is not a one-man race, however, and while LeMond starts as favourite, if only on his past record, there will be others among the 198 in tomorrow's line-up capable of wearing the leader's yellow jersey.

Italy, enjoying a renaissance on the road, will be looking to Chiappucci, rated the world's No. 1, to reverse last year's result, but in the Giro d'Italia it was Franco Chioccioli who triumphed. He also finished second in the Italian championship last Sunday to Gianni Bugno, the No. 2 in the world rankings.

Fignon, the winner in 1983 and 1984, probably sees this year's race as a make-or-break test for, if it ends in failure, he may turn his attention to other things, while Gert-Jan Theunisse, of The Netherlands, fourth in 1989 and who returned to competition in June after a year's suspension for doping, has spent his enforced rest piling up 30,000 training miles to good effect.

Robert Millar, of Scotland, one of the world's best riders in the mountains, is a team colleague of LeMond and although his first task is to nurse his captain when necessary, he wants to take the climber's award he first won seven years ago.

Stephen Roche, of the Republic of Ireland, a former Tour winner leading a Belgian-sponsored squad, has not shown the form this season to suggest that he is capable of overall victory again, while his countryman, Sean Kelly, must be regarding this year's Tour if not as his swan-song, certainly as the last realistic opportunity to win his fourth green jersey as the most consistently-placed daily rider.

TOUR ITINERARY

Today: Prologue, Lyon, 5.3km. Tomorrow: Stage 1: Circuit of Lyon, 120km. Stage 2: Bron to Chassieu Eurexpo, team time trial 43km. Monday: Stage 3: Villeurbanne to Dijon, 209km. Tuesday: Stage 4: Dijon to Reims, 298km. Wednesday: Stage 5: Reims to Valenciennes, 145km. Thursday: Stage 6: Arras to Le Havre, 251km. Friday: Stage 7: Le Havre to Argentan, 165km. July 13: Stage 8: Argentan to Alençon, 72km individual time trial.

July 14: Stage 9: Alençon to Rennes, 164km. July 15: Stage 10: Rennes to Quimper, 199km. July 16: Stage 11: Quimper to Saint Herblain, 247km. July 17: Transfer by air to Pau. July 18: Stage 12: Pau to Jaca, 221km. July 19: Stage 13: Jaca to Val Louron, 231km. July 20: Stage 14: Saint Gaudens to Castres, 171km.

July 21: Stage 15: Albi to Ales, 233km. July 22: Stage 16: Ales to Gap, 211km. July 23: Stage 17: Gap to L'Alpe d'Huez, 128km. July 24: Stage 18: Bourg d'Oisans to Morzine, 249km. July 25: Stage 19: Morzine to Aix les Bains, 190km. July 26: Stage 20: Aix le Bains to Maçon, 161km. July 27: Stage 21: Lugny to Maçon, time trial, 57km. July 28: Stage 22: Melun to Paris, 180km.

BOWLS

England secure trophy

By DAVID RHYS JONES

ENGLAND beat Scotland by 20 shots in the NatWest home international series at Ebbw Vale yesterday to take the News of the World Trophy for the ninth year in succession.

Playing with more conviction than they had shown against Wales and Ireland, England survived a lively assault which had kept Scotland in the lead until the halfway stage.

Tony Allcock's rink, with Ian Carruthers, of Cumbria, making an outstanding international debut, beat Willie Wood's rink by 18 shots. Andy Thomson's rink scored 11 shots over the last five ends against Angus Blair to improve a 14-27 deficit to 25-28.

On a green where accurate leading was a tall order, the foundation for England's victory was laid by the seconds, of whom Ian Middlemast, of Somerset, was outstanding.

David Bryant, aged 59, appeared to get younger as the series unfolded, and scored 11 shots against Richard Corsie between the sixteenth and 21st ends. John Bell outscored Brian Rattray 11-3 over the last seven ends. Like last year, Gerry Smyth, David Holt, Grant Burgess and Ted Hanger finished the series unbeaten.

Despite their second place in the final league table, Scotland could claim only six winning rinks in 18 rink matches.

RESULTS: England beat Scotland 128-108. Rink scores (England skips first): D J Bryant 24, R Corsie 18; A E Thomson 25, A O Blair 28; A Allcock 27, W W Wood 9; D S Ward 15, G Hood 22; J N Bell 18, B Rattray 17; E Hanger 19, A Marshall 14.

RUGBY UNION

Webb makes international return on familiar ground

From DAVID HANDS, RUGBY CORRESPONDENT, SYDNEY

JONATHAN Webb made his first appearance for England halfway up the Parramatta Road in 1987 and tomorrow, on the same ground, he will return to the senior side after two years' absence when he plays against New South Wales in the opening tour match. Webb, Bath's full back, will also be first-choice goal-kicker.

He replaces Simon Hodgkinson, who has sensibly withdrawn because of the discomfort of a broken nose, incurred in an accidental collision with Chris Oti on Wednesday. Webb, now 27, may be joined by a club colleague since John Hall is standing by at No. 8 for Dean Richards; the Leicester player was up and about yesterday after a 24-hour bout of illness but did not train in the rain.

There is little point fielding players not 100 per cent and lessons can be learned from those who have looked sharp in training. Webb has not played an international since March 1989 and Hall, with the exception of Argentina last November, not since 1987. If both come through well against a New South Wales XV containing nine capped players, the element of competition will be the greater.

The first of Webb's 16 caps came as a replacement during the World Cup in 1987, against Australia at what was then Concord Oval but now renamed Waratah Rugby Park — part of New South Wales's effort to put behind them the ground's chequered financial history. Another reminder of that game emerged yesterday with the appointment of Keith Lawrence, of New Zealand, to referee the Australia v England international on July 27.

It was Lawrence who ruled a controversial try for David Campese in 1987. The current touring party, though, have enough to worry about: New South Wales are unbeaten after eight matches this season, the closest call being a 15-15 draw against Tucuman in Argentina.

Castlemaine Perkins, the brewers, have come up with a somewhat meretricious trophy, the XXXX Cup, which will be competed for by Australia and visiting unions (with the exception of New Zealand).

The home team's midfield backs are stamped dependable, rather than inspirational, while Egerton, the former Oxford University full back, is playing for a first international cap on the wing, as is Roebuck at full back. Six of tomorrow's England side will need no reminding that Roebuck scored all the points in the injury-time 23-21 victory by the 1989 Lions against the state.

At least England open with a comparatively settled and confident XV; in Brisbane, Wales will not know quite what to expect from the XV that plays Queensland tomorrow in what amounts to a restart of their tour, despite the win over Western Australia last Sunday. Queensland's backs have an air of derring-do and forwards capable of giving them possession.

Ron Waldron, the Welsh coach, is confident that Phillips, his first-choice hooker, will be fit though he must still undergo a fitness test on his bruised back. Thorburn, the captain, survived a minor scare in training yesterday with sore shins.

Webb: gets a chance

NEW SOUTH WALES: M Roebuck; D Campese, C Wells, R Tombs, R Egerton; J Allen, N Farr-Jones; A Daly, P Kearns, E McKenzie, V Ofahengaue, S Cutler, W Waugh, S Poidevin, T Gavin.

ENGLAND XV: J Webb; N Heslop, W Carling, J Guscott, R Underwood; R Andrew, R Hill; J Leonard, B Moore, J Probyn, M Teague, P Ackford, W Dooley, P Winterbottom, D Richards or J Hall.

Referee: K Fitzgerald (Queensland).

QUEENSLAND: A Herbert; I Williams, J Little, T Horan, P Carozza; M Lynagh, P Slattery; C Lillicrap, D Nucifora, R Moroney, B Nasser, R McCall, J Eales, J Miller, S Scott-Young.

WALES XV: P Thorburn; I Evans, S Gibbs, M Hall, S Ford; A Davies, C Bridges; M Griffiths, K Phillips, P Knight, M Morris, P Arnold, Gareth Llewellyn, R Webster, P Davies.

Referee: B Kinsey (New South Wales).

OLYMPIC GAMES

Support for Manchester

THE government has made it clear that it will continue to back Manchester's efforts to stage the Olympic Games (Robert Morgan writes). Robert Key, an environment minister with responsibility for the inner cities, told the Commons: "My ministerial colleagues and I will continue to support the bid committee's sterling efforts in bringing the Olympic Games to Britain — and to the northwest — in the year 2000."

The unsuccessful bid for the 1996 Games had reminded many people of the sporting heritage of the city, Mr Key said.

TODAY

BOWLS

NATWEST BANK MIDDLETON CUP: Group 1: Section A: Derbyshire v Nottinghamshire (South Derbyshire Miners' Welfare); Northumberland v Yorkshire (Gosforth). Section B: Cumbria v Lancashire (Dalston); Durham v Lincolnshire; Houghton Dairy Lane. Group 2: Section A: Cambridgeshire v Hertfordshire (St Neots); Northamptonshire v Huntingdonshire (Abington). Section B: Bedfordshire v Essex (Wilstead); Norfolk v Leicestershire (Norfolk). Group 3: Section A: Buckinghamshire v Hampshire (Marlow); Oxfordshire v Middlesex (Oxford City and County). Section B: Berkshire v Kent (Theale); Isle of Wight v Sussex (Plessey Rader). Group 4: Section A: Cornwall v Dorset (Veryan); Devon v Herefordshire (Madeira). Section B: Gloucestershire v Wiltshire (Cheltenham); Somerset v Worcestershire (Victoria Weston Super Mare).

OTHER SPORT

BASKETBALL: Commonwealth championships (Edinburgh).

MOTOR RALLYING: Kayel Graphics rally (Swansea).

POLO: (3.0): British Open championships (Cowdray Park); Cheshire Champion Cup (Cheshire Polo Club, Oulton); Cirencester Champion Cup (Cirencester); Tidworth tournament (Tidworth).

ROWING: Henley Royal Regatta (Henley).

SHOOTING: Combined Services meeting (Bisley).

SPEEDWAY: Sunbrite National League: First division: Bradford v Belle Vue (7.30); Berwick v Coventry (7.0); Cradley Heath v Oxford (7.30); King's Lynn.

SWIMMING: Welsh ASA championships (Cardiff).

TENNIS: Wimbledon championships.

YACHTING: Sigma 33 national championships (Plymouth).

TOMORROW

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

COCA-COLA BRITISH LEAGUE: First division: Birmingham Bulls v Glasgow Lions; Nottingham Hoods v Leeds Cougars; Manchester Spartans v Blackpool Falcons; Brighton B52's v Northants Storm; London Olympians v Bristol Packers; Thames Valley Chargers v Portsmouth Warriors; London Ravens v Gateshead Senators. Second division: SMC Admirals v Milton Keynes Pioneers; West London Aces v Cardiff Mets; Redditch Arrows v Stoke Spitfires.

AUSTRALIAN RULES

BRITISH LEAGUE (BARFL): Bristol Bears v Earls Court Roos; West London Wildcats v Wandsworth Demons; Lea Valley Saints v Thames Valley Magpies; North London Lions v London Hawks; East Midland Eagles v Sussex Swans.

OTHER SPORT

EQUESTRIANISM: International dressage (Goodwood).

POLO: (3.0): British Open championships (Cowdray Park); Cheshire Champion Cup (Cheshire Polo Club, Oulton); Cirencester Champion Cup (Cirencester); Tidworth tournament (Tidworth).

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ATHLETICS

Elliott is still striving to join the elite

From DAVID POWELL, ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT, OSLO

THIS time last year, Peter Elliott could do no wrong: Commonwealth gold medal; world indoor record; unbeaten in 21 races. The buzz was that he would end the season as the Dream Mile winner, European champion and would run faster than Coe, Cram or Ovett ever did.

He did none of those things. Illness and bad luck left Britain, as one observer put it, still awaiting its fourth Beatle. Elliott wondered in Frankfurt last weekend whether his European Cup victory there had bestowed him that honour. The answer, as he well knew, was it had not.

Nor will he be Ringo tonight, even if he were to win the Dream Mile a year behind schedule. "People are not going to talk about Oslo if I don't win in Tokyo," Elliott said, thinking ahead to the only assignment that matters to him this year, the world championships. To join Coe, Cram and Ovett he needs his first world or Olympic title.

Elliott never was one to deceive himself, or others. "I lost one race last year before the Europeans, but the first thing everyone thinks about is what happened there. They don't say: 'You ran a great mile in Battersea'."

In contrast to last year, Elliott has been going about his business quietly. No press conferences to announce his race schedule, no targeting of world records. From Frankfurt, he could have chosen Lille or Stockholm, or both, but preferred Rotherham to the bright lights to stoke up his fitness.

"I did something in training this week which I was quite pleased with," he said yesterday. He did not go into details. Last year, his training times were thrown out for public consumption. "I am not far off the shape I was in for the Commonwealth Games." Enough said.

While Elliott was winning in Auckland, Simon Doyle was making his first impression at international level. Doyle, a raw Australian, ran his best time to finish fourth, but was not within sneezing distance of the Englishman. Now he is sniffing victory here.

Twice in a week, Doyle has broken the Australian record. Like Elliott, he is having to fight a tradition, in his case Herb Elliott and John Landy. Doyle, aged 24 — four years younger than Elliott — ran 3min 32.79sec in Helsinki last Thursday, then 3min 31.97sec in Stockholm on Wednesday. In both, he was second to Noureddine Morceli, whose absence here is a pity. Morceli is the one who might have made a dream out of down-to-earth slugging between Yorkshireman and Queenslander.

Doyle has been running seriously for only five years and his new status has forced him to postpone his intended career as a farmer. His running is still in the experimental phase. "I had expected to run as fast this season but not this early," he said. Will he suffer the consequences as Elliott did?

The dream race could be the 10,000 metres because Salvatore Antibo, unbeaten over the distance since the Seoul Olympics, races Khalid Skah, the world cross-country champion and a notable fast finisher. They may come close to Arturo Barrios's world record of 27min 08.23sec.

Offer that is too good to refuse

PARCELFORCE GAMES

THE TIMES today offers the chance for two people to win a trip to see one of the highlights of the athletics season, the Weltklasse Games in Zurich on August 7. We have teamed up with Parcelforce, sponsors of the IAAF Grand Prix meeting at Crystal Palace next Friday, to present this special opportunity.

The Parcelforce Games is one of the highlights of the British athletics calendar and the competitors are likely to include Carl Lewis, Linford Christie, Leroy Burrell, John Regis, Michael Johnson, Roger Black, Tom McKean, Merlene Ottey and Yvonne Murray.

The winner of our competition, with a friend, will fly to Zurich on August 6, the day before the games begin. After spending two nights at the Hotel Adler in Zurich, they will fly home on August 8. The competition is open to readers aged 18 or more and the guest of the winner must also be at least 18.

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THE QUESTIONS

1. In Split last summer, who became the first Briton since Don Finlay in 1938 to take a European championship gold medal in Finlay's event?
2. How many times was the men's javelin world record broken last year?

3. Who (pictured above) ran the fastest women's one-day sprint double in history at the 1990 Weltklasse Zurich grand prix?
4. In which two events did England win all three medals at the Commonwealth Games last year?
5. Which Briton became the first athlete to record four successive wins in one event in the European Cup with a victory in Frankfurt last weekend?

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POLO

Gracida leads impressive Tramontana

THE British Open encounter at Ambersham, Sussex, yesterday ended in a 9-4 victory for Tramontana against Labegorce (John Watson writes). Labegorce attacked bravely in the first seconds of the duel to open the account with a goal by Hine: then, however, the play went Tramontana's way.

Their longstanding ten-handicap Mexican pivot, Carlos Gracida, was inclined to dominate the game. He was ably supported by his new No. 2, Adolfo Cambiaso, of Argentina, who, aged 17, already plays off a seven handicap. In the fourth chukka, when astride Embiricos's famous brown pony, Chesney, Gracida led Tramontana to their greatest advantage, 8-2, although the last period was more successful for Labegorce.

TRAMONTANA: 1, A Embiricos (2); 2, A Cambiaso (7); 3, C Gracida (10); Back: A Buchanan (3).
LABEGORCE: 1, H Perrodo (1); 2, A Hine (6); 3, S Gastambide (8); Back: S Macaire (7).

Patient policy reaping dividends

Michael Stoute, trainer of today's big-race favourite, assesses the main contenders with Michael Seely

There is no shortage of opinions on the Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown today but Michael Stoute, closer than most to the action, refuses to be drawn into the prediction business.

Stoute is responsible for Stagecraft, the heavily-backed favourite for the first important meeting between the generations, and, on the day I visited Freemason Lodge in Newmarket, one of an army of 65 equine athletes circling the paddock at the rear of the stables. Powerful quarters propelled the colt in a rhythmic and aggressive walk along the wood-chip surface against a background of trees.

Although the bustle of the preparation for a busy work morning generated its own tension, the sudden bursts of laughter and the relaxed atmosphere proclaimed the general enjoyment of the late arrival of summer.

Stagecraft's progressive form, coupled with Stoute's outstanding record in top-class races, had seen further sustained support for the stable hope earlier this week. Although the trainer is simmering with excitement about the anticipated great occasion, hard-headed realism tempers optimism with caution.

Sitting in an armchair in his office, Stoute considered the Eclipse. Races which receive advance star billing sometimes prove disappointing, but Stagecraft's principal opponents, In The Groove, Sanglamore and Marju, are all recent winners and therefore in peak form.

The graph of Stagecraft's improvement since narrowly winning a maiden at York last October reached a new high at Royal Ascot when Sheikh Mohammed's rising star sprinted to a comfortable three-length victory over seasoned opponents in the Prince of Wales's Stakes.

As always, Stoute kept any exuberance firmly in check when making his precise professional assessments. "That win showed that he's in the top league now. Terimon and Zoman are proven high-class performers, so that was a very good run."

Similarly the trainer makes concise, almost shorthand, comments about the opposition. Concerning In The Groove, David Elsworth's brilliant filly, whose breathtaking powers of acceleration saw her ranked as the top member of her sex in Europe in 1990, he says: "She's an outstanding filly and could be peaking now."

About Marju, John Dunlop's Derby runner-up and subsequent winner of the St James's Palace Stakes: "He looks to be a very progressive horse. He obviously has a superb temperament and has got to be respected. This could be his best trip."

However, Stoute felt the need to say more about Sanglamore, the least discussed member of the big four. "He could be underrated. Last season he won the French Derby, beating Epervier Bleu, who went on to finish second in the Arc and was also so impressive at Saint-Cloud recently. Sanglamore won the Prix d'Ispahan after an absence of about 11 months and made all his own running over nine furlongs on ground that was a little too quick for him."

Stagecraft's case history differs from that of his three principal rivals in that the colt is only realising his full potential in the summer of his fifth year. However, in common with most top-class horses, Stagecraft had given his trainer more than a glimpse of his latent ability at the age of two.

"He wasn't a precocious horse, so we gave him time to develop," says Stoute. "He got beat in his only run at Thirsk, because the ground was like a ploughed field and the winner got a run up the rail. But we'd got that important first run into him."

A further setback occurred last season. "He had intermittent lameness in the spring of his three-year-old career. He had been purchased as a rig, and we discovered this was causing the problem. Anthony Stroud, Sheikh Mohammed's racing manager, knew of a Frenchman who could do the necessary operation, which was removing the testicle from his abdomen. We gave him a rest after the surgery, and since then he's never looked back."

The moment which showed the stable's secret weapon was ready for an attack on the big time arrived in the Brigadier Gerard Stakes at Sandown, run over the Eclipse course and distance in May. "I was impressed with him that day. The ground was in his favour but he couldn't have done it any better. We knew that we had an exciting prospect."

Stoute thinks the issue is so finely balanced as to be almost unpredictable. "A race like this does so much good for the sport, but it's going to be tough. If you interpret the form strictly, there is not much between them. At the end of the day, what it's going to boil down to, because hopefully the pacemaker will ensure a truly run race, is which horse gets there in the best shape on the day. That's the trainer's job. We're not in the business of trying to tip winners."

STEPHEN MARKESON

Stage direction: Stoute's hack, Basil, is oblivious to all around as the Newmarket trainer sends out instructions to his team of work riders on the Heath

Channon nets the Sandown booty

By MICHAEL SEELY
RACING CORRESPONDENT

MICK Channon, the former England and Southampton footballer, not only stole the training honours at Sandown yesterday, but won an expenses-paid trip for two to Hong Kong when landing a 194-1 double with You Know The Rules and Misdemeanours Girl.

Evidently feeling no pain from a deep-rooted corn in her near fore, You Know The Rules came storming up the hill to give the second-year trainer the most important win of his new career in the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club Trophy, worth £41,016 to the winner.

"It was touch and go whether she ran," said the trainer. "As it turned out all right, we're heroes, but if it had gone wrong, we would have looked right Charlies. It reminds me of football injuries. I played 800 times but if I had always waited to be passed fit, I might only have played about 100 times."

Hong Kong day at Sandown, with its three competitive handicaps, invariably produces exciting racing. And yesterday proved no exception as Chris Rutter drove You Know the Rules past Pat Eddery and Fire Top inside the last furlong to win by one-and-a-half lengths. Michael Roberts and Operation Wolf, the 5-1 favourite, finished the same distance away third, after looking the likely winners at the distance.

Yesterday's winner had developed her problem before finishing unplaced behind Eurolink The Lad in the Royal Hunt Cup at Ascot. "It's so deep-rooted, that we can't get at it," the trainer explained. "Luckily, it poured with rain before she won at Goodwood. And it was only because the ground was good that we ran her here."

Even so, the final decision was only taken after the filly had cantered at Upper Lambourn yesterday morning. "She could not have run the night before which she spent with a poultice on her foot," Channon added.

When the 5lb claiming apprentice Brett Doyle drove Misdemeanours Girl past the post half-a-length in front of Heaven-Liegh-Grey in the five-furlong Sino Group Trophy, to complete Channon's double, the pony-sized winner was having her sixteenth race of the season. "Unfortunately I gave the handicapper a telling off this morning for raising her in the weights," Channon said. "But she ran off her old mark today."

The Hongkongbank Stakes also produced a stirring finish as Richard Quinn forced the blinkered Blue Aeroplane past the post a neck in front of Dream Carrier with The Cuckoo's Nest a short head away.

Trained by Paul Cole at Whatcombe, yesterday's top-weight is owned in partnership by Christopher Wright and Prince Fahd Salman, Generous's owner, who bought a half-share earlier in the season.

On an afternoon when five of the winners were fillies, Well Beyond and Saratoga Source made eye-catching winning debuts in the two-year-old races.

July Stakes gets cold shoulder from trainers

THE top two-year-old race at next week's Newmarket July meeting has attracted just four possible contestants. From an initial entry of 33, the potential field for the group three Anglia Television July Stakes was reduced dramatically at yesterday's five-day stage.

Of those that remain, Computer Kid and Showbrook, fourth and fifth in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot, plus Mohammed Moubarak's Made Of Gold, a five-length winner on his debut at Ripon last month, are definite starters.

Wilde Rufo, trained by Paul Kelleway, is the only other acceptor for a race which will pay prize-money down to fourth place.

Nick Lees, Newmarket's clerk of the course, said: "I can't understand what trainers want. They can't blame the ground because it is good and we are ready to water if necessary."

Richard Hannon, Showbrook's trainer, welcomed news of the low entry. "It's amazing," he said. "I took Showbrook out of the big race at Haydock tomorrow after pondering for a long time. Now it looks as though I did the right thing."

Computer Kid, trained at Middleham by George Moore, has just been sold to race in Italy but is expected to run at Newmarket first. Moore said: "I've kept him going for this race and the plan is to run him. He's in great form."

BEVERLEY

MANDARIN

1.55 So Refined. 2.30 Prince Belfort. 3.00 I'm Special. 3.30 Overpower. 4.00 Shady Leaf. 4.30 Strimmer. 5.00 TV Pitch.

THUNDERER

1.55 Agunijah. 2.30 Abu Hanifah. 3.00 I'm Special. 3.30 Overpower. 4.00 Smoke. 4.30 Oriental Music. 5.00 Circuit Ring.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

1.55 LAIR GATE SELLING STAKES
(2-Y-O: £2,589: 7f 100yd) (18 runners)

1 000 GARDENBLAKE 57 (B) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11 M Wood 3
2 004 HOT SEAT 14 J Bottomley 8-11 J Lowe 2
3 4665 KING OPTIMIST 14 A Smith 8-11 S Webster 7
4 0 PHIL-MAN 5 T Fairhurst 8-11 J Fanning (5) 12
5 545 REACH FOR GLORY 18 R Whitaker 8-11 A Culhane 16
6 0200 ROBERT'S WAY 9 (B,BF) M W Easterby 8-11 L Charnock 8
7 000 SHREWD INVESTMENT 9 C Tinkler 8-11 K Darley 5
8 00 VITAL VOLTAGE 7 M Elerby 8-11 S Morris 17
9 000 WOTWESHUDDADUN 14 M W Easterby 8-11 C Dwyer 18
10 ABOUT MIDNIGHT R Earnshaw 8-6 A Mackay 13
11 005 AGUNIJAH 15 C Tinkler 8-6 Paul Burke 14
12 4535 BETWEEN TWO FIRES 9 J Berry 8-6 — 9
13 00 FERRYCROSTHEMERSEY 7 D Garraton 8-6 G Hind 4
14 00 KASHMIR ROSE 40 M Brittain 8-6 — 1
15 00 LAUGHTON LADY 22 Mrs N Macauley 8-6 J Marshall (7) 8
16 0 MISS MOVIE WORLD 15 N Bycroft 8-6 S Perks 15
17 4566 SO REFINED 2 M H Easterby 8-6 K Fallon 11
18 5402 SPRAY OF ORCHIDS 9 J Etherington 8-6 N Connorton 10

7-2 Spray Of Orchids, 4-1 Between Two Fires, 5-1 Reach For Glory, 6-1 Hot Seat, 8-1 Agunijah, So Refined, 10-1 others.

2.30 RIDING TRADITIONAL BITTER HANDICAP
(3-Y-O: £5,026: 5f) (8)

1 3362 SHE'S SMART 7 (D,BF,F) M H Easterby 9-7 J Lowe 4
2 2101 ABU HANIFAH 8 (D,G,S) N Callaghan 8-11 J Fanning (5) 6
3 52-0 FAMILY AT WAR 50 (D,F) J Etherington 8-8 K Darley 5
4 5446 SIMMIE'S SPECIAL 7 (D,G) R Hollinshead 8-7 S Perks 8
5 4463 MISS EL ARAB 7 (D,F,G) E Alston 8-7 K Fallon 3
6 1214 FIVESEVENFIVEO 8 (D,G) J Berry 8-6 L Charnock 2
7 4216 PRINCE BELFORT 14 (V,D,F) M Naughton 8-5 G Hind 1
8 0-60 LINCSTONE BOY 7 (B,D,F) A Smith 7-13 S Webster 7

11-4 Abu Hanifah, 7-2 She's Smart, 4-1 Miss El Arab, 7-1 Simmie's Special, 8-1 Fivesevenfiveo, 10-1 Prince Belfort, 16-1 others.

3.00 MILLERS MILE (£3,460: 1m 100yd) (6)

1 05/0 NOBBY CLARK 15 G Oldroyd 5-9-6 B McGiff 6
2 50 TASMAN OAK 24 Mrs S Oliver 5-9-6 S Perks 1
3 4500 COOL PARADE 9 S Norton 3-8-11 N Connorton 3
4 MUWAZI R Armstrong 3-8-11 K Darley 5
5 0-43 TRACY'S PRINCE 24 J Spearing 3-8-11 D Nicholls 4
6 2 I'M SPECIAL 14 M H Easterby 3-8-6 J Lowe 2

4-5 I'm Special, 3-1 Tracy's Prince, 5-1 Muwazi, 12-1 Tasman Oak, 16-1 Cool Parade, 25-1 Nobby Clark.

3.30 BEVERLEY HANDICAP
(Amateurs: £2,448: 1m 100yd) (6)

1 0412 LANGTRY LADY 7 (D,F,S) M Ryan 5-11-7 Joanne Barks 6
2 0020 SELF EXPRESSION 10 (F) I Balding 3-11-0 Clare Balding 5
3 030- CROFT VALLEY 199 (F) R Whitaker 4-10-0 S Wynne 2
4 -232 OVERPOWER 22 (D,F,S) M Tompkins 7-9-11 Sally Smithson (7) 1
5 0-00 MASTER PLAN 98 (D,F,G) J S Wilson 5-9-2 Linda Perratt 4
6 /000 SMILING BEAR 14 A Potts 8-9-0 Sarah Judge (7) 3

11-8 Langtry Lady, 15-8 Overpower, 5-1 Self Expression, 8-1 Croft Valley, 16-1 Master Plan, Smiling Bear.

4.00 GOOLE HANDICAP
(£2,511: 1m 3f 216yd) (9)

1 -006 DUGGAN 21 (D,F,G) R Wilcox 4-9-10 J Quinn 5
2 003- OH DANNY BOY 289 (CD,F,S) E Weymes 7-9-0 A Culhane 2
3 1203 GUEST RIGHT 5 (D,BF,S) M Brittain 4-8-12 K Darley 9
4 -436 SHADY LEAF 11 (V,BF) M Stoute 3-8-10 J Lowe 6
5 5000 LODGING 5 (B) G Oldroyd 4-8-10 B McGiff 3
6 0006 LOVING OMEN 7 R Hollinshead 4-8-6 S Perks 7
7 0612 SMOKE 17 (CD,F) J Parkes 5-8-3 G Parkin (7) 8
8 /00- DOCTOR'S REMEDY 286J Mrs J Jordan 5-7-11 J Fanning (5) 1
9 -000 TOUCH 'N' PASS 15 R O'Leary 3-7-7 — 4

5-2 Smoke, 7-2 Shady Leaf, 5-1 Guest Right, 6-1 Oh Danny Boy, 8-1 Duggan, 12-1 Loving Omen, 16-1 Lodging, 20-1 others.

4.30 WOOD LANE MAIDEN GUARANTEED SWEEPSTAKES
(3-Y-O: £2,070: 5f) (15)

1 0- CALL FOR ROONEY 301 A Smith 9-0 M Wood 1
2 0220 KING VICTOR 2 (B) R O'Leary 9-0 K Fallon 8
3 0- SILVER STONE BOY 434 A Smith 9-0 S Webster 3
4 0044 STRIMMER 37 (BF) W Jarvis 9-0 D Nicholls 15
5 44 ABLE PRINCESS 7 Mrs N Macauley 8-9 J Marshall (7) 14
6 0-00 DEVA'S GEM 22 R Hollinshead 8-9 S Perks 13
7 -506 FIORINI 29 C Booth 8-9 A Culhane 4
8 062 FRIENDLY SONG 12 T Fairhurst 8-9 J Fanning (5) 11
9 0- JUST RUN 425 W G M Turner 8-9 N Connorton 10
10 LONSOM LASS L Barratt 8-9 J Quinn 7
11 0-86 ORIENTAL MUSIC 57 J Etherington 8-9 J Lowe 12
12 562 SALLY FAY 17 M H Easterby 8-9 K Darley 5
13 2000 SUPREME DESIRE 7 D Garraton 8-9 L Charnock 2
14 460 SWINGING LADY 33 W Haigh 8-9 A Mackay 9
15 0-0 THORN GODDESS 9 M Elerby 8-9 S Morris 6

3-1 Sally Fay, 7-2 King Victor, 4-1 Friendly Song, 6-1 Strimmer, 7-1 Able Princess, 12-1 Oriental Music, 16-1 Fiorini, 20-1 others.

5.00 WESTWOOD HANDICAP
(£3,655: 2m 35yd) (7)

1 -340 CIRCUIT RING 18 (CD,F,G) P Calver 5-9-10 S Perks 5
2 0-23 TV PITCH 49 N Graham 3-9-6 J Lowe 1
3 0344 FAMOUS BEAUTY 9 (F,G) R Hollinshead 4-9-2 E Husband (7) 6
4 5000 MARLINGFORD 16 Mrs J Jordan 4-8-12 D Thompson (7) 7
5 3-04 TROPICAL ACE 22 R Voorspuy 4-8-3 S Dawson 4
6 3336 SELDOM IN 19 J Wharton 5-8-1 J Fanning (5) 3
7 0052 AS ALWAYS 26 G Lewis 3-8-1 J Quinn 2

2-1 TV Pitch, 100-30 As Always, 5-1 Famous Beauty, 7-1 Circuit Ring, Tropical Ace, 10-1 Seldom In, 16-1 Marlingford.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: N Graham, 3 winners from 8 runners, 37.5%; M Stoute, 15 from 54, 27.8%; I Balding, 10 from 36, 27.8%; M Ryan, 4 from 22, 18.2%; P Calver, 4 from 24, 16.7%; E Weymes, 5 from 34, 14.7%.

JOCKEYS: Miss C Balding, 4 winners from 5 rides, 80.0%; K Darley, 30 from 181, 16.6%; N Connorton, 13 from 114, 11.4%. (Only qualifiers).

(Not including last night's results)

Racing next week

MONDAY: Leicester, Edinburgh, †Windsor, †Ripon.
TUESDAY: Newmarket, Pontefract.
WEDNESDAY: Newmarket, †Kempton Park, Bath, †Redcar.
THURSDAY: Newmarket, Kempton Park, †Chepstow, †Hamilton Park.
FRIDAY: York, Lingfield Park, Warwick, †Chester, †Hamilton Park.
SATURDAY: York, Lingfield Park, Ayr, Salisbury, Chester, †Southwell.

† Denotes evening meeting

☐ Michael Roberts (Leone), Walter Swinburn (Hondo Mondo), Lanfranco Dettori (Temporal), Billy Newnes (All Top), John Reid (Mona's King) and Tony Cruz (Friscolino) all ride in the £153,000 group one Deutsches Derby (1m 4f) at Hamburg tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

Sandown Park

Going: good

2.00 (5f) 1, WELL BEYOND (Pat Eddery, 4-1); 2, Orthorhombus (Paul Eddery, 7-4 jt-fav); 3, Secret Thing (M Roberts, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 jt-fav Regal Scintilla (5th), 25 Hot Lavender (4th), 33 Etra (6th). 6 ran. NR: Arctic Appeal. ½l, 3½l, 4l, 2½l, 10l. B Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £5.90; £2.80, £1.70. DF: £5.60. CSF: £10.76. 1min 00.82sec.

2.35 (7f) 1, SARATOGA SOURCE (R Cochrane, 5-2 fav); 2, Hidden Laughter (M Hills, 8-1); 3, Good Reference (L Piggott, 11-4). ALSO RAN: 100-30 Ilhkuml (4th), 10 Kentucky Starlet, Petite Sonnerie (6th), 20 Slight Risk (5th). 7 ran. 1½l, 1l, 3½l, ¾l, 2½l. I Balding at Kingsclere. Tote: £3.10; £1.60, £3.50. DF: £12.80. CSF: £19.80. 1min 30.87sec.

3.10 (1m 2f) 1, YOU KNOW THE RULES (C Rutter, 14-1); 2, Fire Top (Pat Eddery, 8-1); 3, Operation Wolf (M Roberts, 5-1 fav); 4, Camden's Ransom (N Adams, 66-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Rapid Coracle (5th), Rinja, 9 Vital Clue, Komombo, Exclusive Virtue, 12 Unpaid West, Prime Prospect, 20 Ittihaad, No Submission, Gilderdale, 25 Northern Trial, Johns Joy (6th), 40 Elementary, Age Of Miracles, 50 Tapatch, Rapporteur, La Domaine. 21 ran. 1½l, 1½l, 2l, 1½l, 2½l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £18.50; £3.50, £2.30, £2.00, £22.90. DF: £58.50. CSF: £118.98. Tricast: £600.84. Trio: £89.70. 2min 06.67sec.

3.45 (7f) 1, BLUE AEROPLANE (T Quinn, 7-1); 2, Dream Carrier (W Carson, 7-1); 3, The Cuckoo's Nest (M Roberts, 6-1 jt-fav). 6 jt-fav Chatain, 15-2 Lollapalooza, 8 Shades of Vera (5th), Seafend, 12 Shafouri, Bowden Boy (6th), Major Rogers, 20 Conquista (4th), Absolutely Right, 50 Danse d'Esprit. 13 ran. NR: Able Jet. Nk, sh hd, 1l, 1½l, ¾l. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £7.90; £2.40, £2.20, £1.80. DF: £23.20. CSF: £51.83. Tricast: £287.46. Trio: £27. 1min 29.38sec.

4.15 (5f) 1, MISDEMEANOURS GIRL (B Doyle, 12-1); 2, Heaven-Liegh-Grey (L Piggott, 6-1); 3, Elegant Friend (C Hodgson, 9-1). ALSO RAN: 4 jt-fav Tenhers (5th), Pallium, 7 Dome Lawel, Macfarlane (4th), Face North, 14 Launde Abbey, 33 L'Ete, Domino Dancing (6th). 11 ran. ½l, 3½l, nk, nk, 4l. M Channon at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £14.80; £2.20, £2.30, £3.30. DF: £29.00. CSF: £77.77. Tricast: £822.83. Trio: £188.50. NR: Abu Hanifah. 1min 01.46sec.

4.50 (1m 3f 100yd) 1, BEEBOB (C Rutter, 7-4 fav); 2, Miners Law (Paul Eddery, 9-1); 3, Rive-Jumelle (W Carson, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 6 Green's Van Goyen (6th); 7 Fierce (4th), 12 Chakalak, 16 El Parsa, 20 English Raj, Ivan The Terrible (5th), 50 Five Castles. 10 ran. 5l, 2l, 2l, hd, 6l. J Scargill at Newmarket. Tote: £2.50; £1.70, £2.00, £1.60. DF: £13.00. CSF: £17.64. 2min 26.24sec.

Jackpot: not won (pool of £7,295.50 carried forward to Sandown Park today). Placepot: £154.00.

Haydock Park

Going: good

2.15 (5f) 1, Premier Envelope (Kim Tinkler, 6-1); 2, Kate Royale (7-2); 3, Palacegate Jewel (11-2). I Broke The Rules 7-4 fav. 9 ran. NR: Lawnswood Prince. ¾l, hd. N Tinkler. Tote: £5.00; £1.40, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £12.10. CSF: £24.29. No bid.

2.45 (1m 30yd) 1, Kinematic (W R Swinburn, 9-2); 2, Rahil (6-1); 3, Morgannwg (9-2). Titian Red 5-4 fav. 7 ran. 3l, 2½l, 4l, 3l, 15l. J Gosden. Tote: £4.50; £2.10, £2.80. DF: £10.10. CSF: £27.28.

3.20 (6f) 1, X My Heart (S Whitworth, 9-2); 2, Conrad Again (5-2 fav); 3, Fylde Flyer (4-1). 7 ran. Nk, nk. R Hannon. Tote: £4.30; £2.60, £2.10. DF: £7.10. CSF: £15.33.

3.55 (1m 3f 200yd) 1, Prince Hannibal (W R Swinburn, Evens fav); 2, Hthaal (3-1); 3, Supreme Choice (9-2). 5 ran. 1½l, 7l. J Dunlop. Tote: £1.80; £1.20, £1.50. DF: £2.00. CSF: £4.13. NR: Thomas Leng.

4.25 (6f) 1, Finjan (A Munro, 2-1 fav); 2, Final Shot (8-1); 3, Rancho Mirage (8-1). 7 ran. NR: Chaplins Club. ½l, ¾l. P Walwyn. Tote: £2.60; £1.90, £3.10. DF: £10.90. CSF: £17.08. Tricast: £97.58.

4.55 (2m 45yd) 1, Dom Wac (L Detton, 9-2); 2, Rainbow Trust (6-1); 3, Green Lane (2-1 fav). 7 ran. NR: Moving Out. 4l, ½l. M Bell. Tote: £4.70; £2.80, £2.50. DF: £12.10. CSF: £27.53. Tricast: £80.75.

Placepot: £153.80.

Southwell

Going: standard

1.25 (5f) 1, Sobering Thoughts (N Connorton, 9-4 fav); 2, Arc Lamp (7-2); 3, Waverley Star (9-2). 7 ran. ½l, 5l. D Chapman. Tote: £3.10; £1.90, £2.10. DF: £6.10. CSF: £10.59.

1.55 (5f) 1, Best Finish (Emma O'Gorman, 9-4 jt-fav); 2, Limpopo (9-4 jt-fav); 3, Truthful Image (4-1). 8 ran. 6l, ½l. W O'Gorman. Tote: £3.50; £1.10, £1.10, £2.40. DF: £4.70. CSF: £8.08.

2.25 (7f) 1, Daily Sport Girl (G Duffield, 5-1); 2, Runnel (9-4 fav); 3, Marowins (6-1). 8 ran. 2l, 15l. N Callaghan. Tote: £5.40; £2.70, £1.10, £2.90. DF: £6.20. CSF: £15.95.

3.00 (7f) 1, Grand Guignol (F Norton, 2-5 fav); 2, Francis Ann (50-1); 3, Ballater Lass (20-1). 10 ran. 10l, 5l. G Wragg. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £4.70, £1.80. DF: £18.80. CSF: £21.21.

3.30 (1m) 1, Crofter's Cline (D Nicholls, 10-1); 2, Stroubis (20-1); 3, Hazar (6-1). Irish Passage 7-2 fav. 10 ran. 5l, 2l. M O'Neill. Tote: £12.50; £2.30, £4.40, £2.80. DF: £395.40. CSF: £162.26. Tricast: 1170.44.

4.00 (1m 4f) 1, Merchant Of Venice (G Husband, 5-1); 2, Sweet Bubbles (3-1 fav); 3, What A Card (12-1). 10 ran. 7l, 6l. W Pearce. Tote: £5.80; £1.30, £1.60, £2.60. DF: £6.60. CSF: £18.55. Tricast: £150.02.

Placepot: £32.40.

THURSDAY'S LATE RESULTS

Haydock Park

7.35 1, Jubran (13-2); 2, Spanish Grandee (7-1); 3, Marcroft (20-1). Dumaltor 3-1 fav. 12 ran.

8.05 1, Torchon (G Carter, 11-10 fav; Michael Seely's & Our Newmarket Correspondent's nap); 2, Another Bob (11-2); 3, Collins Avenue (8-1). 6 ran.

8.35 1, Rodrigo De Triano (9-4 fav); 2, Strong Suit (11-4); 3, Gallant Jack (10-1). 9 ran.

9.00 1, Gemini Fire (9-2); 2, Lake Mistassiu (11-2); 3, No Quarter Given (8-1). Fiddling 7-2 fav. 8 ran.

Brighton

7.30 1, Naveresque (9-2); 2, Texan Clamour (8-1); 3, Kristleld (6-1). Les Amis 4-1 fav. 14 ran.

8.00 1, Dark Kristal (8-1); 2, How's Yer Father (4-1); 3, Hacienda (13-8 fav). 10 ran.

8.30 1, Harbour Knight (11-2); 2, Iceseeformiles (4-1 jt-fav); 3, Parisian Express (11-1). Greenhills Lad 4-1 jt-fav. 10 ran. NR: Stirling Ashes.

9.00 1, Crystal Heights (5-2 jt-fav); 2, Mulciber (3-1); 3, Fenton Lake (5-2 jt-fav). 4 ran. NR: Melodic Habit.

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In The Groove to eclipse rivals

MANDARIN

THE Coral-Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park this afternoon reminds us that racing's finest ambassadors are the horses. Of course who wins is important, but, at a time when the sport needs all the support it can get, the public interest stirred by the spectacle of top-class runners taking each other on may be no less significant.

The ante-post betting suggests that the race is between Stagecraft, In The Groove, Marju and Sanglamore, and within that quartet the permutations are almost endless. Three of them are group one winners, the exception being Stagecraft, and he has shown such talent in winning at Sandown and Royal Ascot this season that he is unlikely to be long joining the others.

In an thoroughly intriguing contest, I cast my vote for In The Groove. I also entrust her with the nap. She was officially rated the best three-year-old filly in Europe last season, much to the chagrin of Salsabil's admirers, on the strength of two outstanding performances over ten furlongs when winning the Juddmonte Stakes at York and the Champion Stakes at Newmarket, both group one contests.

At York, In The Groove beat Elmaamul, the winner of the Eclipse Stakes last year, by one-and-a-half lengths with Terimon beaten a total of four-and-a-half lengths in fourth. Newmarket witnessed another emphatic success as she came with her customary late run to beat Linamix, the French 2,000 Guineas winner, by a one-and-a-half lengths.

She has looked every bit as polished this year, beating Zoman over a mile here and old rival Terimon in the Coronation Cup at Epsom. In between she fell victim to a muddling pace in the one-mile Lockinge Stakes at Newbury, going down by two lengths to Polar Falcon.

Although she has won from a mile to 12 furlongs over the last two seasons, my feeling is that ten furlongs suits her best. She is reportedly in great heart and, at her best, is a match for anyone.

Ray Cochrane replaces her regular rider, Steve Cauthen, who is claimed for Stagecraft, but Cochrane is no stranger to the filly, having won the Musidora Stakes on her at York last year.

Stagecraft has progressed enormously this season, putting himself in the front rank of ten-furlong horses with comfortable wins over this course and distance and at Ascot. There was no doubting his authority at the royal meeting when he simply routed the opposition, beating the useful Zoman by three lengths with Terimon another half-length away third. This is his toughest assignment but there is reason to believe he will again give a good account of himself.

Marju is the principal representative of the three-year-olds in the first important clash of the generations. He has won twice at a mile this season and run well when second in the Derby but faces formidable older opponents on his first attempt at a new trip.

Sanglamore, last season's French Derby winner, is, arguably, the least well suited by the trip. He beat Zoman over nine furlongs at Chantilly after an absence of nearly a year, clearly a fine effort. He has his pacemaker, Green's Ferneley, but against three rivals blessed with finishing speed he could be vulnerable over this trip.

Case Law, who ran well for a long way in the Wokingham Handicap after an absence of two months, can take the Trafalgar House Sprint Stakes, while Takaddum, hampered in running when third to Swordsmith in a listed race at Haydock last time, may be the answer to the Sandown Limited Handicap.

On an attractive Haydock programme, Fragrant Hill, quietly fancied for the Oaks only to be struck into during the race, can gain some compensation in the Lancashire Oaks.

Lord Of Tusmore is not easy to win with but he could go well at a reasonable price in the Old Newton Cup, while Ernestan can remain unbeaten in the Cock Of The North Stakes.

Cochrane: takes over from Cauthen on In The Groove

BIG RACE LINE-UP

4.10 CORAL-ECLIPSE STAKES

(Group I: £147,825: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

C4

401	(2)2/1211-1	SANGLAMORE 34 (D,F,G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 4-9-7 *(ch c Sharpen Up - Ballinderry) (Green, pink sash and cap, white sleeves)*	Pat Eddery	96
402	(1)2/311-11	STAGECRAFT 18 (CD,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 4-9-7 *(b c Sadler's Wells - Bella Colora) (Maroon, white sleeves, maroon cap, white star)*	S Cauthen	95
403	(3) 640-123	TERIMON 18 (B,D,F) (The Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 5-9-7 *(gr h Bustino - Nicholas Grey) (Beaver brown, maple leaf green cross-belts & cap)*	M Roberts	95
405	(6) 301-121	IN THE GROOVE 30 (C,D,F,G) (B Cooper) D Elsworth 4-9-4 *(b f Night Shift - Pine Ridge) (Grey & maroon halved, sleeves reversed, grey & maroon quartered cap)*	R Cochrane	● 99
406	(4) 61-3510	ENVIRONMENT FRIEND 31 (D,F,G) (W Gredley) J Fanshawe 3-8-10 *(gr c Cozzene - Water Woo) (Yellow, black & yellow striped sleeves, white cap)*	G Duffield	94
407	(5) 330-154	GREEN'S FERNELEY 58 (F,G) (K Abdulla) R Charlton 3-8-10 *(gr c Taufan - Rossaldene) (Green, pink sash and cap, white sleeves)*	W R Swinburn	77
408	(7) 1-1021	MARJU 18 (F,G) (H Al-Maktoum) J Dunlop 3-8-10 *(br c Last Tycoon - Flame Of Tara) (Royal blue, white epaulets, striped cap)*	W Carson	96

BETTING: 2-1 Stagecraft, 11-4 Marju, 3-1 In The Groove, 9-2 Sanglamore, 14-1 Terimon, 25-1 Environment Friend, 500-1 Green's Ferneley.

1990: ELMAAMUL 3-8-10 W Carson (13-2) W Hern 7 ran

SELECTIONS: Mandarin: In The Groove. Thunderer: Sanglamore. Michael Seely: Stagecraft. Newmarket Correspondent: Stagecraft. Private Handicapper: In The Groove.

Form guide to the seven contenders

SANGLAMORE

Jun 2, Chantilly, good to firm: (9-2) beat Priolo (9-2) ½l (1m 1f, group I, £50,916, 7 ran).
Jun 3 1990, Chantilly, good: (9-2) beat Epervier Bleu (9-2) ½l (1m 4f, group I, £267,953, 12 ran).
May 16 1990, York, good: (9-0) beat Karinga Bay (9-0) 1½l (1m 2f 110yd, group II, £75,600, 7 ran).

STAGECRAFT

Jun 18, Ascot, good: (9-3) beat Zoman (9-5) 3l with TERIMON (9-3) sh hd 3rd (1m 2f, group II, £58,776, 6 ran).
May 28, Sandown, good to firm: (8-10) beat Bold Russian (8-10) 2½l (1m 2f, group III, £22,329, 11 ran).
Nov 2 1990, Newmarket, good: (8-9) beat Philharmonia (8-4) ¾l (1m 2f, list, £11,257, 7 ran).

TERIMON

Jun 18, Ascot, good: see STAGECRAFT.
Jun 6, Epsom, good: see IN THE GROOVE.
Apr 17, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-13) beat Emperor Fountain (8-10) nk (1m 1f, group III, £22,221, 11 ran).

IN THE GROOVE

Jun 6, Epsom, good: (8-11) beat TERIMON (9-0) ½l (1m 4f 10yd, group I, £92,542, 7 ran).
May 17, Newbury, good to soft: (9-2) 2l 2nd to Polar Falcon (9-0) (1m, group II, £40,902, 4 ran).
Apr 26, Sandown, good to soft: (9-3) beat Zoman (9-4) 1l (1m, group II, £37,818, 5 ran).

ENVIRONMENT FRIEND

Jun 5, Epsom, good to firm: see MARJU.
May 15, York, good to firm: (9-0) beat Hailsham (9-0) 5l (1m 2f 110yd, group II, £89,426, 8 ran).
Apr 18, Newmarket, good to firm: see MARJU.

GREEN'S FERNELEY

May 9, Chester, good: (8-12) 8l 4th to Hundra (8-8) (1m 2f 85yd, list, £23,491, 9 ran).
Apr 27, Sandown, good: (8-11) 9l 5th to Hailsham (8-11) (1m 2f, group III, £35,460, 5 ran).
Apr 1, Nottingham, good: (9-5) beat Altermeera (9-0) 5l (1m 50yd, £3,590, 6 ran).

MARJU

Jun 18, Ascot, good: (9-0) beat Second Set (9-0) hd (1m, group I, £121,905, 7 ran).
Jun 5, Epsom, good to firm: (9-0) 5l 2nd to Generous (9-0) with ENVIRONMENT FRIEND (9-0) 35l 11th (1m 4f 10yd, group I, £355,000, 13 ran).
May 4, Newmarket, good: (9-0) 17l 11th to Mystiko (9-0) (1m, group I, £107,994, 14 ran).
Apr 18, Newmarket, good to firm: (8-9) beat Desert Sun (8-9) 1½l with ENVIRONMENT FRIEND (8-9) 9l 5th (1m, group III, £23,193, 8 ran).

Selection: STAGECRAFT

MANDARIN
2.15 White Blade.
2.50 Deposki.
3.25 Case Law.
4.10 IN THE GROOVE (nap).
4.45 Takaddum.
5.20 Loft Boy.
5.50 Halkopous.

THUNDERER
2.15 Stinger.
2.50 Matahif.
3.25 DOMINIO (nap).
4.10 Sanglamore.
4.45 Baatish.
5.20 Loft Boy.
5.50 Castoret.

MICHAEL SEELY
4.10 STAGECRAFT (nap).
4.45 Pontenuovo.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 4.10 STAGECRAFT (nap). 5.50 Halkopous.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 4.10 IN THE GROOVE.

GOING: GOOD (ROUND COURSE), GOOD TO SOFT (STRAIGHT) SIS
DRAW: 5F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

2.15 EBF PADDOCK MAIDEN STAKES

(2-Y-O colts & geldings: £3,600: 7f) (8 runners)

101	(1)	002	GOLD WING 8 (B) (J Smith) D Elsworth 9-0	T Quinn	● 99
102	(3)		GRAND VITESSE (R Whitworth) R Hannon 9-0	W Carson	—
103	(6)		HAUT-BRION (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 9-0	W R Swinburn	—
104	(4)	3	HOLIDAY ISLAND 66 (Mrs L Ward) C Brittain 9-0	M Roberts	84
105	(7)		LYN'S RETURN (Mrs L Washington) R Simpson 9-0	A Cruz	—
106	(8)		STINGER (J Mitchell) C Nelson 9-0	R Cochrane	—
107	(5)		TIK FA (A Ali) B Hanbury 9-0	S Cauthen	—
108	(2)		WHITE BLADE (K Abdulla) G Harwood 9-0	Pat Eddery	—

BETTING: 5-2 White Blade, 4-1 Tik Fa, 6-1 Haut-Brion, Holiday Island, 8-1 Grand Vitesse, 10-1 Gold Wing, Stinger, 14-1 Lyn's Return.

1990: MARAAKIZ 9-0 W Carson (7-2) J Dunlop 7 ran

2.50 COMMONWEALTH HANDICAP (£7,067: 2m) (13 runners)

201	(3)	26-2350	DOUBLE DUTCH 16 (CD,F,G,S) (L Fuller) Miss B Sanders 7-10-0	W Newnes	97
202	(13)	163/502	HAITHAM 18 (F) (N Barnes) R Akehurst 4-9-6	W R Swinburn	95
203	(6)	2-21220	ARMY OF STARS 7 (F,G,S) (Army Of Stars Partnership) C Brittain 6-9-2	M Roberts	98
204	(9)	109/0-00	ROYAL SQUARE 18 (D,F) (Mrs B Hearne) G Harwood 5-9-2	R Cochrane	86
205	(4)	69-0631	PROVENCE 15 (D,F) (Mrs P Harris) P Harris 4-9-1	S Cauthen	94
206	(5)	4240-00	DRUMHEAD 7 (D,G,S) (J Naughton) R Stubbs 5-8-12	Pat Eddery	96
207	(7)	314140	RHODES 18 (F) (The Knada Partnership) J Akehurst 4-8-9	T Quinn	94
208	(10)	2311-50	MATAHIF 16 (G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) R Armstrong 3-8-7	W Carson	97
209	(12)	4120-30	BALLET CLASSIQUE 7 (G) (G Carroll) B Hanbury 4-8-4	A Cruz	95
210	(11)	453-	HUNTED 107J (M Butler) A Davison 4-8-3	Candy Morris	94
211	(1)	0-01111	DEPOSKI 10 (V,F,G,S) (W Scott) M Stoute 3-7-12	A McGlone	● 99
212	(8)	20/2111	MAJESTIC IMAGE 39 (C,F,G) Lord Huntingdon 5-7-11	D Harrison (7)	94
213	(2)	034065	GO SOUTH 8 (B,D,F,G,S) (R Joachim) J Jenkins 7-7-7	—	97

Long handicap: Go South 7-4.

BETTING: 11-4 Deposki, 4-1 Haitham, 6-1 Army Of Stars, 8-1 Hunted, 10-1 Ballet Classique, Drumhead, Rhodes, 12-1 Double Dutch, Royal Square, 16-1 others.

1990: OFF THE RECORD 5-8-5 M Roberts (7-1) C Thornton 11 ran

3.25 TRAFALGAR HOUSE SPRINT STAKES

C4

(Listed race: £17,515: 5f) (12 runners)

301	(9)	6120-10	CASE LAW 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs D Thompson) M Prescott 4-9-7	G Duffield	92
302	(4)	0-01260	BOLD LEZ 29 (CD,F,G) (Mrs M Ansell) M Haynes 4-9-3	W Carson	86
303	(6)	006-040	MIAMI BANKER 10 (B,CD,G,S) (J Amass) R Akehurst 5-9-3	S Cauthen	87
304	(5)	500-203	MONTENDRE 16 (F) (Stalltools Ltd) M McCormack 4-9-3	W Newnes	● 99
305	(2)	221-330	REFERENCE LIGHT 16 (G,S) (Lord White of Hull) M Stoute 4-9-3	W R Swinburn	96
306	(1)	005-230	TIGANI 15 (D,F,S) (Capt. M Lemos) C Brittain 5-9-3	A Cruz	86
307	(3)	00-4536	RIVERS RHAPSODY 15 (CD,F,G,S) (R Mead) G Balding 4-9-2	J Williams	91
308	(8)	321611	MEDAILLE D'OR 7 (V,D,F,G,S) (J Bozzett) J Payne 3-8-11	M Roberts	91
309	(12)	1360-35	POETS COVE 52 (D,F) (P Cruden) W Carter 3-8-11	T Quinn	90
310	(10)	1334-63	VINTAGE ONLY 42 (D,BF,F,G) (D Thompson) Mrs J Ramsden 3-8-11	N Day	93
311	(11)	315-020	DOMINIO 16 (D,F) (Mrs R Kennard) P Walwyn 3-8-6	R Cochrane	96
312	(7)	135-354	FURAJET 15 (CD,F,G) (M Al Maktoum) A Scott 3-8-6	Pat Eddery	93

BETTING: 5-1 Case Law, 11-2 Furajet, 6-1 Dominio, Montendre, Vintage Only, 8-1 Medaille D'Or, Reference Light, 10-1 Rivers Rhapsody, 16-1 Poets Cove, 20-1 Bold Lez, Miami Banker, 33-1 Tigani.

1990: NIGHT AT SEA 3-8-6 B Marcus (12-1) L Cumani 10 ran

FORM FOCUS

CASE LAW beat Eblo ½l on penultimate start in a listed race at Newmarket (6f, good to firm). MONTENDRE 1½l 3rd to Polish Patriot in group III Cork And Orrery Stakes at Royal Ascot (6f, good), with DOMINIO 11th and REFERENCE LIGHT 15th. REFERENCE LIGHT 1½l 3rd to Archway on penultimate start in group III Greenlands Stakes at the Curragh (6f, good), with MONTENDRE 11th.
MEDAILLE D'OR beat Zonda 1½l at Chepstow (5f 16yd, good). DOMINIO 2½l 2nd to Elbio on penultimate start in group II UB Group Temple Stakes at Sandown (5f, good), with RIVERS RHAPSODY (2lb worse off) a neck 3rd and FURAJET (same terms) 1l 5th.
FURAJET 6½l 4th to Elbio in group II King's Stand Stakes at Royal Ascot (5f, good to firm), with RIVERS RHAPSODY (4lb worse off) 2l 6th and TIGANI 8th.
Selection: MONTENDRE

108	(12)	0-0432	GOOD TIMES 74 (CD,BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 9-10-0	B West (4)	86

Racecard number. Draw in brackets. Six-figure form (F — fell. P — pulled up. U — unseated rider. B — brought down. S — slipped up. R — refused. D — disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing; J if jumps, F if flat. (B — blinkers. V — visor. H — hood. E — Eyeshield. C — course winner. D — distance winner. CD — course and distance winner. BF — beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F — firm, good to firm, hard. G — good. S — soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

4.10 CORAL-ECLIPSE STAKES

C4

(Group I: £147,825: 1m 2f) (7 runners)

RUNNERS & RIDERS - SEE RIGHT

4.45 SANDOWN LIMITED HANDICAP (£24,920: 1m) (11 runners)

C4

501	(9)	14-2050	TWO LEFT FEET 60 (D,F,G,S) (P Molina) M Prescott 4-9-7	G Duffield	86
502	(3)	4054-20	SABOTAGE 17 (D,BF,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) M Stoute 5-9-5	S Cauthen	92
503	(7)	112-000	LUCKY GUEST 17 (B,G,S) (Windflower Holdings Inc) J Dunlop 4-9-3	W Newnes	87
504	(4)	21-401	EVASIVE PRINCE 8 (G,S) (Lord White of Hull) M Stoute 3-8-11 (4ex)	R Cochrane	82
505	(5)	10-0003	PONTENUOVO 17 (D,F) (W Mariti) D Elsworth 6-8-9	T Quinn	● 99
506	(6)	521413	TAKADDUM 28 (V,D,BF,F,G,S) (H Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-8	W Carson	90
507	(11)	2111-31	REDDEN BURN 21 (D,F,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) H Cecil 3-8-7 (4ex)	Pat Eddery	93
508	(8)	0-00121	STARLIGHT FLYER 21 (B,CD,F,G) (Ecurie Fustok) M Moubarak 4-8-7 (4ex)	A Cruz	92
509	(10)	3521-1	BAATISH 25 (D,G) (H Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-1 (4ex)	B Crossley	88
510	(1)	000-300	DAWN SUCCESS 105 (F,G,S) (Mrs C Pateras) C Brittain 5-8-0	M Roberts	84
511	(2)	832/005	PRINCE JAKATOM 9 (S) (S Crown) D Arbuthnot 4-8-0	G Bardwell	78

Long handicap: Dawn Success 7-7, Prince Jakatom 7-3.

BETTING: 7-2 Pontenuovo, 4-1 Takaddum, 9-2 Redden Burn, 6-1 Sabotage, 7-1 Starlight Flyer, 10-1 Baatish, Evasive Prince, 16-1 Lucky Guest, 20-1 others.

1990: YOU MISSED ME 4-8-10 C Asmussen (14-1) D Arbuthnot 11 ran

FORM FOCUS

SABOTAGE 1l 2nd of 10 to Fanmore over course and distance (good) on penultimate start. EVASIVE PRINCE beat Katy Ann Bee 1l at Newmarket (7f, good).
PONTENUOVO 1¾l 3rd of 29 to Eurolink The Lad in the Royal Hunt Cup at Royal Ascot (1m, good), with LUCKY GUEST (2lb worse off) 21¼l 23rd and SABOTAGE 28th. TAKADDUM beat Take Two 1½l at Haydock (1m 40yd, good to firm) on penultimate start, and was 1l 3rd of 8 to Swordsmith on the same course (7f 40yd, good to firm) last time out. REDDEN BURN made all to beat Charlo ½l at York (1m 205yd, good). STARLIGHT FLYER beat Laxmi 1½l over course and distance (good). BAATISH made virtually all to beat Roofing ½l at Salisbury (1m, good) on reappearance.
Selection: REDDEN BURN (nap)

5.20 VICTORIA AMATEUR TURF CLUB HANDICAP (£4,354: 5f) (9 runners)

601	(3)	056-150	GRAND PRIX 15 (D,F,G) (Mrs T Brown) D Elsworth 6-9-10	S Cauthen	90
602	(6)	000350	MASNUN 15 (B,F,S) (I Page) R O'Sullivan 6-9-7	D Biggs (5)	90
603	(2)	100002	TAUBER 42 (D,F,G,S) (Mrs C Reed) Pat Mitchell 7-9-5	S O'Gorman (3)	90
604	(5)	243-535	CANTORIS 8 (D,F) (G Crean) R Williams 5-9-5	R Cochrane	92
605	(4)	30-3304	LOFT BOY 8 (B,CD,F,G,S) (Mrs B Allwright) J Bethell 8-9-1	W R Swinburn	91
606	(1)	154-501	ASHTINA 10 (D,F,G,S) (Miss S Joyner) J Sutcliffe 6-9-0	W Carson	● 99
607	(7)	000003	ABSOLUTION 8 (D,F,G,S) (M Hymen) M Naughton 7-8-13	T Quinn	86
608	(9)	000446	YOUNG SHADOWFAX 14 (V,F) (A Irish) C Allen 4-7-9	G Bardwell	94
609	(8)	644633	FRIMLEY PARKSON 10 (D,F,G) (P Terry) P Rowling 7-7-9	R Fox	95

BETTING: 9-4 Ashtina, 11-2 Absolution, 6-1 Frimley Parkson, 10-1 Cantoris, Grand Prix, Masnun, 12-1 Loft Boy, Young Shadowfax, 14-1 Tauber.

1990: HARD TO FIGURE 4-9-5 J Williams (14-1) R Hodges 11 ran

5.50 ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP (£4,406: 1m 3f 100yd) (11 runners)

1	(8)	2/00161-	AL ANBA 315 (F) (Mrs A Al Homaizi) J Czerpak 4-10-0	J Murray	80
2	(11)	010-340	WITNESS BOX 17 (F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Gosden 4-9-11	S Cauthen	92
3	(6)	15-4010	CASTORET 17 (D,G,S) (Lady D'Avigdor-Goldsmid) J Hills 5-9-9	W Carson	90
4	(4)	010-342	HALKOPOUS 8 (V,D,BF,F,S) (A Christodoulou) M Tompkins 5-9-9	R Cochrane	92
5	(3)	3445	RUTLAND WATER 24 (E Kessly) P Makin 4-9-8	W R Swinburn	80
6	(5)	0-03003	CELESTIAL GUEST 14 (F) (Mrs S Purcell) R Guest 4-9-5	S O'Gorman (3)	93
7	(7)	320633-	GREY POWER 254 (J Smith) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-5	D Harrison (7)	82
8	(1)	016232	MY CHIARA 9 (F) (J Pitt) M Usher 5-9-5	J Williams	93
9	(9)	451642	TOP OF THE BILL 11 (BF,F,G) (F Golding) N Callaghan 4-9-2	A Cruz	90
10	(2)	0-22215	PHARAMINEUX 14 (C,BF,F,G) (N Rotsman) R Akehurst 5-9-1	T Quinn	88
11	(10)	024000	FOX CHAPEL 9 (V,F,S) (A Budge (Equine) Ltd) R Hannon 4-9-1	A McGlone	● 99

BETTING: 11-4 Pharamineux, 4-1 My Chiara, 6-1 Halkopous, 8-1 Castoret, Top Of The Bill, Witness Box, 10-1 Celestial Guest, Fox Chapel, 12-1 others.

1990: LIMEBURN 4-9-10 R Cochrane (9-1) G Harwood 8 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	18	60	30.0	Pat Eddery	53	239	22.2
G Harwood	20	90	22.2	R Cochrane	30	145	20.7
H Thomson Jones	4	18	22.2	S Cauthen	37	216	17.1
M Prescott	4	18	22.2	W R Swinburn	32	195	16.4
M Stoute	27	137	19.7	M Roberts	25	172	14.5
R Armstrong	10	53	18.9	W Carson	31	224	13.8

(Not including yesterday's results)

MANDARIN
2.05 Fishin' Tackle.
2.40 Soiree.
3.10 Lord Of Tusmore.
3.45 Fragrant Hill.
4.20 Ernestan.
4.55 Falcon Flight.
5.25 Winoski.

THUNDERER
2.05 Fishin' Tackle.
2.40 Soiree.
3.10 Libk.
3.45 Fragrant Hill.
4.20 Prince Ferdinand.
4.55 Jalmusique.
5.25 Take Two.

MICHAEL SEELY
3.10 Libk.

Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.05 Light Hand.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST SIS

2.05 JUDDMONTE CLAIMING STAKES (Qualifier: £2,905: 1m 2f 120yd) (11 runners)

1	(3)	0-01610	FISHIN' TACKLE 18 (F,G) (Sir A Page-Wood) A Scott 3-9-3	L Dettori	98
2	(10)	11-4313	LIGHT HAND 8 (CD,F,G,S) (J Furze) M Tompkins 5-8-13	C Hodgson (5)	● 99
3	(5)	/000/00	COMEDY FUN 24 (Miss A Strangeway) B Ellison 7-8-11	—	—
4	(1)	4000-00	FINAL ALI 9 (F Cunliffe) J H Wilson 4-8-11	W Ryan	58
5	(6)	44060-0	INTO THE FUTURE 21 (J Vowles) A Stringer 4-8-9	F Norton (5)	56
6	(8)	0	RING MY BELL 8 (F Yardley) F Yardley 4-8-9	A Dicks	—
7	(11)	346/00	RINGYBOY 7 (V,D,G) (P Purdy) J Bennett 8-8-8	J Carroll	—
8	(7)	605411	ROSE GLEN 10 (D,F,G,S) (D Furlong) A Bailey 5-8-6	A Tucker (5)	97
9	(9)	0150-0	REPECHAGE 14 (F) (B Bissell) B McMahon 4-8-4	G Carter	88
10	(2)	0330	VOODOO RHYTHM 10 (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 3-8-2	Paul Eddery	89
11	(4)		FRIENDLYPERSUASION (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 3-7-12	A Garth (7)	—

BETTING: 6-4 Rose Glen, 7-4 Fishin' Tackle, 4-1 Light Hand, 8-1 Voodoo Rhythm, 12-1 Repechage, 14-1 others.

1990: MASKED BALL 10-8-6 R Lappin (5-2 fav) P Calver 9 ran

2.40 EBF JULY MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,579: 6f) (6 runners)

1	(6)		ACE REPORTER (Ashton Newspaper Club) M Tompkins 8-11	R Hills	—
2	(2)	44	BOLLIN VICTORIA 22 (Sir N Westbrook) M H Easterby 8-11	M Birch	—
3	(3)		CINDORA (Lady Nelson of Stafford) M Tompkins 8-11	C Hodgson (5)	—
4	(6)		PORTITE JANE (J Berry) M Brittain 8-11	S Maloney (5)	—
5	(4)		SOIREE (R Sangster) B Hills 8-11	M Hills	—
6	(1)		STORM RING (E Evans) L Cumani 8-11	L Dettori	—

BETTING: 8-11 Soiree, 5-2 Storm Ring, 11-2 Bollin Victoria, 14-1 Ace Reporter, 16-1 Cindora, 25-1 Portite Jane.

1990: IVORY BRIDE 8-11 B Raymond (4-5 fav) M Tompkins 11 ran

3.10 OLD NEWTON CUP (Handicap: £23,880: 1m 3f 200yd) (13 runners)

1	(11)	53-5651	SONG OF SIXPENCE 8 (D,F,G,S) (P Mellon) I Balding 7-10-0	L Dettori	96
2	(12)	0-02320	LORD OF TUSMORE 17 (F) (W Said) B Hills 4-9-10	M Hills	98
3	(6)	053106	LIFT AND LOAD 17 (F,G,S) (G Howard-Spink) R Hannon 4-9-7	B Rouse	● 99
4	(3)	020-262	LOCAL DERBY 17 (C,F) (Sheikh Mohammed) J Watts 4-9-7	Dean McKeown	98
5	(8)	10-3355	KAHER 21 (D,F) (F Kalla) N Callaghan 4-9-7	A Munro	98
6	(5)	522-150	GAY GLINT 42 (F) (P Jacobs) N Graham 4-9-5	G Carter	90
7	(1)	00-0120	HILLZAH 16 (F,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) P Walwyn 3-8-13	G Baxter	96
8	(10)	36-21	HAWAIT AL BARR 37 (F) (Maktoum Al Maktoum) M Stoute 3-8-11	Paul Eddery	80
9	(2)	110-011	LIBK 21 (D,F,G) (Hamdan Al-Maktoum) H Thomson Jones 3-8-11	R Hills	97
10	(7)	531	GOIN AND GROWIN 29 (F) (R Duchossois) L Cumani 3-8-2	J Fortune	90
11	(13)	03-0451	THE BLUE BOY 29 (G) (T Few) M Pipe 3-7-10	S Maloney (5)	93
12	(9)	402520	AZUREUS 5 (F) (J Murdoch) J S Wilson 3-7-9	F Norton (5)	88
13	(4)	01150-2	DAISY GIRL 8 (F,G) (S Taberner) J Mackie 5-7-7	S Wood (5)	98

BETTING: 4-1 Local Derby, 5-1 Goin And Growin, Hawait Al Barr, 7-1 Lord Of Tusmore, 8-1 Song Of Sixpence, Libk, 10-1 Hillzah, 12-1 The Blue Boy, 14- others.

1990: HATEEL 4-9-6 L Dettori (4-1) P Walwyn 9 ran

3.45 LANCASHIRE OAKS (Group III: fillies: £27,634: 1m 3f 200yd) (11 runners)

1	(7)	60-0364	SECRET WATERS 14 (F) (R Crutchley) R Johnson Houghton 4-9-3	R Hills	94
2	(10)	120-410	AUSHERRA 28 (D,F,G) (F Salman) P Cole 3-8-4	A Munro	● 99
3	(3)	1-4	CAMPESTRAL 56 (BF,G) (M Tabor) M Stoute 3-8-4	M Birch	88
4	(1)	316-10	FRAGRANT HILL 28 (F) (P Mellon) I Balding 3-8-4	B Rouse	92
5	(4)	11	LA SKY 38 (F,S) (Moreen Stud Ltd) H Cecil 3-8-4	W Ryan	80
6	(8)	12	MOHICAN GIRL 24 (BF,G) (A Cane) J Fanshawe 3-8-4	Paul Eddery	93
7	(2)	0-51	PATRICIA 24 (S) (C St George) H Cecil 3-8-4	G Carter	85
8	(6)	3-16023	POSITIVE ACCLAIM 24 (S) (J Marsden) R Hannon 3-8-4	Dean McKeown	92
9	(11)	545	ROMOLA NIJINSKY 45 (W Gredley) C Brittain 3-8-4	G Baxter	81
10	(5)	0-321	SHOKA 29 (C,G) (Sheikh Mohammed) B Hills 3-8-4	M Hills	79
11	(9)	42-6641	SIPSI FACH 21 (F,G) (W Joyce) M Bell 3-8-4	L Dettori	92

BETTING: 4-1 La Sky, 9-2 Ausherra, 5-1 Fragrant Hill, 6-1 Mohican Girl, 13-2 Patricia, 8-1 Shoka, 12-1 Campestral, 14-1 Sipsi Fach, 16-1 others.

1990: PHARIAN 3-8-9 L Dettori (14-1) C Brittain 4 ran

4.20 COCK OF THE NORTH STAKES (Listed race: 2-Y-O: £9,218: 6f) (5 runners)

1	(5)	121	PRINCE FERDINAND 14 (D,F,G) (Miss J Winch) M McCormack 9-3	G Carter	● 99
2	(1)	111	ERNESTAN 14 (F,G,S) (A Wragg) M H Easterby 8-12	M Birch	98
3	(4)	141	STEFANO 12 (D,F,G) (J Marsden) S Norton 8-12	L Dettori	98
4	(3)	416	TENACITY 18 (F) (D Thompson) J Berry 8-12	J Carroll	92
5	(2)	012	THOUSLA ROCK 21 (D,BF,F) (R Sangster) P Chapple-Hyam 8-12	Paul Eddery	86

BETTING: 9-4 Prince Ferdinand, 5-2 Ernestan, 4-1 Tenacity, Thousla Rock, 6-1 Stefano.

1990: DOMINION GOLD 9-1 M Birch (5-4 fav) M H Easterby 5 ran

4.55 SHADWELL STUD APPRENTICE SERIES HANDICAP

(£4,012: 1m 30yd) (9 runners)

1	(6)	305-134	JALMUSIQUE 49 (D,BF,F) (Mrs Jr E Pallister) M H Easterby 5-9-10	O Pears (7)	97
2	(9)	512	KEMPINSKI 19 (D,BF,F) (Lord Weinstock) L Cumani 3-9-4	J Weaver (7)	95
3	(4)	025052	CEE-JAY-AY 14 (D,F) (R Jinks) J Berry 4-9-1	S Haworth (5)	● 99
4	(3)	061525	DUMBRECK 24 (D,BF,F,S) (H O'Donnell) J S Wilson 4-8-6	R Granger (7)	98
5	(1)	6-00423	FALCON FLIGHT 10 (C,F,G) (M M Racing Ltd) J Mackie 5-8-5	G Husband	98
6	(5)	140-010	LOMBARD SHIPS 43 (CD,F,S) (L Warehousing Ltd) M O'Neill 4-8-4	—	94
7	(2)	005005	GOLDEN ANCONA 22 (C,G,S) (Racing Telegraph) M Brittain 8-7-13	S Maloney	94
8	(8)	360231	MISS SARAJANE 10 (D,F,G,S) (G Smyth) R Hollinshead 7-7-12	A Garth (7)	91
9	(7)	0-00000	SIR ARTHUR HOBBS 7 (F,G) (J Hardman) F Lee 4-7-10	F Norton	88

BETTING: 7-4 Kempinski, 5-1 Jalmusique, 11-2 Cee-Jay-Ay, 6-1 Miss Sarajane, 8-1 Falcon Flight, 10-1 Lombard Ships, 16-1 Golden Ancona, 20-1 others.

1990: NAKORA BISTRAYA 3-9-2 Abigail Peate (5-1) G Pritchard-Gordon 8 ran

5.25 JOHNNY OSBORNE HANDICAP (£3,850: 1m 2f 120yd) (8 runners)

1	(7)	401-214	TAKE TWO 15 (C,F) (Lord Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 3-9-10	Paul Eddery	96
2	(2)	4-1	MODESTO 21 (G) (K Abdulla) B Hills 3-9-10	M Hills	88
3	(1)	2-31031	SAINT CIEL 12 (D,F,S) (D Thompson) A Scott 3-9-5	J Fortune	88
4	(6)	114203	THOMAS LENG 8 (D,G,S) (M Brittain) M Brittain 8-9-1	—	● 99
5	(4)	215	DAGON 14 (BF,S) (D Gransby) F Lee 3-9-0	M Birch	90
6	(8)	06304-4	LINPAC LIGHT 25 (Linpac Group Limited) C W C Elsey 4-8-11	G Baxter	88
7	(3)	5-65622	URRAY ON HARRY 8 (C,F,G,S) (D Coppenhall) R Hollinshead 7-8-10	A Garth (7)	95
8	(5)	041214	WINOSKI 58 (D,E) (Dowager Lady Beaverbrook) C Brittain 3-8-8	A Munro	91

BETTING: 9-4 Modesto, 4-1 Saint Ciel, 11-2 Take Two, Urray On Harry, 6-1 Winoski, 8-1 Thomas Leng, 14-1 Linpac Light, Dagon.

1990: TRIFOLIO 3-9-10 W Ryan (7-2) H Cecil 5 ran

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent	JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
H Cecil	23	57	40.4	M Hills	20	86	23.3
B Hills	22	94	23.4	W Ryan	20	102	19.6
L Cumani	15	65	23.1	L Dettori	10	51	19.6
H Thomson Jones	12	52	23.1	Dean McKeown	18	127	14.2
M Bell	3	13	23.1	G Carter	10	76	13.2
M Stoute	15	75	20.0	R Hills	13	103	12.6

(Not including yesterday's results)

BATH

MANDARIN

2.15 Flat Rate. 2.45 Arrastra. 3.15 Moat Garden. 3.45 Very Dicey. 4.15 Mamma's Too. 4.45 Swift Stream.

THUNDERER

2.15 Mere Chants. 2.45 Arrastra. 3.15 Mutamarrid. 3.45 Puck's Boss. 4.15 Red Ruffian. 4.45 Va Utu.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
DRAW: 5F-1M 8YD, LOW NUMBERS BEST

2.15 WESTON MAIDEN AUCTION STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,781: 5f 167yd) (18 runners)

1	0	BISHOPSTONE BILL 7 S Mellor 8-4	Dana Mellor 9
2	30	BOLD SETKO 22 J Eustace 8-4	M Tebbutt 11
3		DIXEY KING C Popham 8-4	R Street 5
4	0	HIGH POST 19 D Marks 8-4	A Clark 12
5	5	NIGALS FRIEND 7 D Haydn Jones 8-4	— 17
6	004	PETER WHIMSEY 33 (V) M McCormack 8-4	T Williams 16
7	6	PEWTER MAGIC 68 M Channon 8-4	C Rutter 6
8	262	WILD HONOUR 21 W Muir 8-4	R Perham (5) 1
9		ARAGONA P Cundell 7-13	E Johnson 18
10	00	COOCHIE 25 (B) I Balding 7-13	S O'Gorman (3) 14
11	0000	DARK VISION 5 (B) J King 7-13	Mark Denaro (7) 2
12	6	FLAT RATE 8 G Lewis 7-13	R Price (5) 7
13	0	GIRTON DEGREE 9 R Hannon 7-13	D Gibbs (7) 13
14	40	MARIECURIE EXPRESS 26 J Berry 7-13	G Bardwell 8
15	0	MAYLES LASS 9 J Bridger 7-13	N Adams 15
16	65	MERE CHANTS 9 D Elsworth 7-13	Dale Gibson 10
17	0	PEARLY WHITE 9 G Balding 7-13	N Carlisle 4
18	06	RENTA KID 16 R Boss 7-13	T Sprake (5) 3

11-4 Renta Kid, 7-2 Mariecurie Express, 9-2 Wild Honour, 6-1 Nigals Friend, 8-1 Flat Rate, 10-1 Mere Chants, 12-1 Pewter Magic.

2.45 SOUTHMEAD MAIDEN STAKES

(3-Y-O: £2,564: 1m 3f 150yd) (9)

1	0	JAN STEDMAN 11 T Thomson Jones 9-0	N Adams 9
2	-425	MACEDONAS 7 Miss A Whitfield 9-0	R Perham (5) 7
3	6	PLAY GAMES 60 G Harwood 9-0	A Clark 6
4	0	RIMOUSKI 49 M Stoute 9-0	P D'Arcy 1
5	0-0	SEA WAR 24 W Hern 9-0	E Johnson 3
6	0050	SOUTARI 15 (B) M McCormack 9-0	M Wigham 8
7	0-24	ARRASTRA 32 I Balding 8-9	S O'Gorman (3) 5
8	00	COCHINEAL 8 B Hills 8-9	C Munday (7) 2
9	5	MISS WITCH 19 H Candy 8-9	C Rutter 4

5-2 Arrastra, 3-1 Sea War, 4-1 Miss Witch, 6-1 Play Games, 8-1 Rimouski, 10-1 Macedonas, 12-1 others.

3.15 KENNETH ROBERTSON HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £3,915: 1m 5f 12yd) (9)

1	-433	MUTAMARRID 24 (F) H Thomson Jones 9-7	N Carlisle 1
2	4536	PORT SUNLIGHT 16 (S) R Hannon 9-7	R Perham (5) 7
3	0310	MOAT GARDEN 16 (C,F) I Balding 9-4	S O'Gorman (3) 9
4	2-05	KELTIE 10 G Harwood 9-4	A Clark 5
5	45-3	DORMERS DELIGHT 14 D Elsworth 8-12	Dale Gibson 4
6	2310	BRIGGSMAID 17 (F) J Eustace 8-11	M Tebbutt 2
7	0-16	MULOOF 10 P Cole 8-8	R Price (5) 6
8	2321	GLOW OF SUMMER 40 (F) M Bell 8-6	C Rutter 8
9	6-30	SEARCY 29 R Johnson Houghton 7-12	N Adams 3

3-1 Moat Garden, 4-1 Muloof, 11-2 Mutamarrid, 6-1 Dormers Delight, 8-1 Keltie, 10-1 Glow of Summer, 12-1 Port Sunlight.

3.45 ST JOHNS AMBULANCE BRIGADE HANDICAP (3-Y-O: £3,947: 5f 167yd) (11)

1	-533	KESTREL FORBOXES 29 (BF,CD,F) J Berry 9-7	S Giles (7)
2	052	HERRIDGE 8 R Hannon 9-1	R Perham (5) 4
3	0500	SWIFT ROMANCE 15 (G) B Millman 8-11	N Carlisle 5
4	0000	TEANARCO 12 (CD,F,S) R Holder 8-10	N Adams 7
5	3304	UNVEILED 8 (D,F,G) R Hodges 8-10	T Sprake (5) 9
6	0002	MAGGIE SIDDONS 9 (CD,F,S) C Hill 8-9	A Clark 8
7	0226	VERY DICEY 21 (D,F) R Smyth 8-8	A Martinez (7) 10
8	310	PUCK'S BOSS 19 (F) M Prescott 8-6	C Nutter 1
9	3034	SWEET SOUL DREAM 26 D Laing 7-12	R Price (5) 3
10	1000	SUPER HEIGHTS 9 (B,D,F) Miss A Whitfield 7-10	Dale Gibson 11
11	1025	BLAZING BELLE 8 (B) M McCormack 7-9	T Williams 6

4-1 Kestrel Forboxes, 5-1 Unveiled, 6-1 Puck's Boss, Swift Romance, 8-1 Herridge, Maggie Siddons, 10-1 Sweet Soul Dream.

4.15 TYSOE CLAIMING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,782: 5f) (11)

1	3341	SIR VALID 8 (CD,G) W O'Gorman 9-0	Emma O'Gorman (5) 9
2	61	RED RUFFIAN 9 (D,S) R Holder 8-12	S Drowne (7) 11
3	5023	CHRISTIAN WARRIOR 8 R Hannon 8-4	D Gibbs (7) 7
4	124	MAMMA'S TOO 31 (D,F) J Berry 8-4	A Clark 10
5	060	LOCAL GRIFFIN 8 C Cyzer 8-3	A Morris 1
6	056	SIGNORE DE ANGLES 26 (B) R Stubbs 8-1	— 8
7		CHANSEA MISS J Czerpak 7-13	C Rutter 6
8	0	GREY BUT ROSY 22 D Elsworth 7-13	— 2
9	0	PARTYSECRET 14 R Smyth 7-13	N Carlisle 5
10		CORLEY FLOWER P Cundell 7-11	E Johnson 3
11	00	RUSTIC WEDDING 21 G Balding 7-8	N Adams 4

9-4 Mamma's Too, 7-2 Sir Valid, 4-1 Christian Warrior, 6-1 Red Ruffian, 8-1 Grey But Rosy, 10-1 Signore de Angles, 12-1 others.

4.45 OAKHILL HANDICAP

(£3,150: 1m 8yd) (18)

1	2601	CHARMING GIFT 9 (F) R Williams 4-10-0	G Mitchell (7) 8
2	0500	GUEST PLAYER 26 (BF,F) D Wintle 4-9-13	T Rogers 10
3	0043	LADY LACEY 8 (F) G Balding 4-9-13	Tracey Purseglove (7) 11
4	604	ABINGDON FLYER 11 R Hannon 3-9-12	R Perham (5) 1
5	-000	FOUNTAIN LOCH 52 (F,G) R Holder 4-9-10	N Adams 3
6	040-	MALMESBURY 262J G Balding 4-9-9	M Wigham 4
7	24-0	NOW BOARDING 23 R Hodges 4-9-9	T Sprake (5) 2
8	300-	MONKEY LOVE 387 (V) A Jones 4-9-8	R Street 14
9	-052	SWIFT STREAM 8 R Johnson Houghton 3-9-7	A Clark 12
10	4100	VA UTU 12 (V,D,G) M Channon 3-9-5	M Tebbutt 15
11	3304	QUINZII MARTIN 9 M Prescott 3-9-4	C Nutter 13
12	0600	MAI PEN RAI 12 (D,F) C Hill 3-8-12	R Perham (5) 9
13	0000	OLD COMRADES 7 L Cottrell 4-8-11	C Rutter 5
14	-000	LADY BUNTING 25 L Cottrell 4-8-8	N Carlisle 17
15	-400	BREAKERS AHEAD 10 I Balding 3-8-8	E Johnson 16
16	0324	SCIACCA 14 S Mellor 4-8-7	Dana Mellor 6
17	51-6	STRAT'S LEGACY 42 (F) D Arbuthnot 4-8-3	B Procter 7
18	4000	MY RUBY RING 4 D Laing 4-8-2	R Price (5) 18

7-2 Abingdon Flyer, 4-1 Charming Gift, 5-1 Swift Stream, 6-1 Quinzii Martin, 8-1 Lady Lacey, 10-1 Va Utu, Sciacca, 12-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Boss, 3 winners from 6 runners, 50.0%; G Harwood, 15 from 46, 32.6%; H Thomson Jones, 3 from 11, 27.3%; B Hills, 20 from 75, 26.7%; H Candy, 7 from 33, 21.2%; W Hern, 6 from 29, 20.7%.

JOCKEYS: Dana Mellor, 3 from 11, 27.3%; A Clark, 7 from 53, 13.2%; S O'Gorman, 5 from 39, 12.8%; M Wigham 3 from 25, 12.0%; P D'Arcy, 3 from 26, 11.5%; C Rutter, 10 from 97, 10.3%.

NOTTINGHAM

MANDARIN

6.15 Sky Cat. 6.45 Silver Rainbow. 7.15 Farholme Lads. 7.45 Dazzlingly Radiant. 8.15 Red Slippers. 8.45 Jarzon Dancer.

THUNDERER

6.15 Sky Cat. 6.45 Silver Rainbow. 7.15 Farholme Lads. 7.45 Johanna Thyme. 8.15 Red Slippers. 8.45 Beguiled.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM
DRAW: 5F-6F, HIGH NUMBERS BEST

6.15 RED AND WHITE HANDICAP

(£3,162: 1m 50yd) (20 runners)

1	0420	KINLACEY 18 (F) B McMahon 4-9-12	S Sanders (7) 2
2	31-5	PETTICOAT POWER 60 (F,G,S) Mrs B Waring 5-9-10	N Howe 6
3	0001	GOLDEN TORQUE 21 (CD,F,G,S) R Bastiman 4-9-7	Dean McKeown 11
4	0025	HIGHEST PRAISE 10 (F,S) D Morris 8-9-3	NON RUNNER 16
5	0050	MODEST HOPE 8 SKY CAT* 28 (F,G) G Eden 4-9-3	G Carter 8
6	2216	SKY CAT (B,BF) M H Easterby 7-9-1	K Darley 4
7	0001	MARZOCCO 19 (F) R Hannon 3-9-0	S Raymont 15
8	6305	LEGUARD EXPRESS 7 W Carter 3-8-12	T Williams 7
9	0-00	TOPEKA EXPRESS 14 (D,F) C Tinkler 8-8-6	Paul Burke 9
10	0005	LE SAULE D'OR 7 (D,F) B McMath 4-8-3	Alex Greaves 12
11	00-0	MAY SQUARE 7 D Moffey 3-8-0	G Hind 1
12	0-00	ARAGON COURT 61 J Pearce 3-7-12	— 10
13	0250	FORGE BAY 24 H Collingridge 4-7-9	C Hawksley (7) 5
14	0000	ARIBIE 10 (D,G,S) R Peacock 5-7-8	A Mackay 18
15	00-0	SINGING DETECTIVE 178 M Brittain 4-7-7	S Maloney (5) 20
16	-000	CAREFUL LAD 49 (G) K Burke 5-7-7	— 17
17	00-0	DAL MISS 43 R Peacock 4-7-7	— 3
18	00-0	INDELIBLE MARK 44 (V) H Whiting 5-7-7	N Kennedy (5) 13
19	0004	WOODLANDS CROWN 7 D C Tucker 8-7-7	— 14
20	-000	INBIHAR 25 (B) C Benstead 4-7-7	S Wood (3) 19

11-4 Golden Torque, 3-1 Sky Cat, 4-1 Marzocco, 13-2 Kinlacey, 10-1 May Square, 14-1 others.

6.45 EAST MIDLANDS RACING CLUB MAIDEN STAKES (3-Y-O: £2,070: 1m 6f) (5)

1	4-4	ACCESS SUPREME 58 R Boss 9-0	L Dettori 1
2		GABY A James 9-0	— 2
3	00	MANDIKA 59 M Jarvis 9-0	Paul Eddery 3
4	0	SEIZE THE DAY 18 A Stewart 9-0	M Roberts 4
5	22	SILVER RAINBOW 17 G Harwood 9-0	Pat Eddery 5

2-5 Silver Rainbow, 6-1 Access Supreme, 7-1 Seize The Day, 8-1 Mandika, 33-1 Gaby.

7.15 TRENT END CLAIMING STAKES

(2-Y-O: £2,385: 5f) (6)

1		LOCK LANE P Tulk 8-12	W Ryan 1
2	2131	FARHOLME LADS 12 (D,F,G) C Tinkler 8-10	M Birch 6
3	020	SUPER MARCO 10 (B) W Haigh 8-8	Dean McKeown 4
4	0500	SPICE KING 7 D Chapman 8-0	K Darley 3
5	4620	SARA ANNE 42 C Allen 7-9	G Bardwell 2
6	5603	AYR HEAD 5 (B,BF) M W Easterby 7-7	L Charnock 5

2-1 Farholme Lads, 11-4 Sara Anne, 6-1 Ayr Head, Super Marco, 10-1 Lock Lane, 16-1 Spice King.

7.45 LADBROKE GILL'S ANGELS HANDICAP (£3,288: 6f) (11)

1	0-01	DAZZLINGLY RADIANT 10 (D,F,G,S) R Hannon 4-9-13	Pat Eddery 6
2	-005	MACS MAHARANEE 39 (D,F,G) P Felgate 4-9-4	W Ryan 3
3	43-0	PIQUANT 10 (D,F,G,S) Lord Huntingdon 4-9-4	Dale Gibson 7
4	032-	TARA'S GIRL 250 (V,D,F) Mrs B Waring 4-9-2	N Howe 5
5	0-05	LOOTING 22 (D,F,G,S) M Usher 5-9-0	M Wigham 9
6	20-0	A LITTLE PRECIOUS 12 (D,S) J Bostock 5-8-8	N Day 11
7	0-20	TOP ONE 21 (CD,F) C Hill 6-8-6	R Perham (5) 2
8	6105	IRON KING 7 (D,F,G) J Spearing 5-8-2	G Bardwell 10
9	1020	THATCHENNE 21 (B,CD,F) M Eckley 6-7-11	W Carson 1
10	0141	JOHANNA THYME 10 (F) R Bastiman 4-7-8	J Quinn 8
11	-000	GODSCHARM 8 (F) M Brittain 3-7-7	S Maloney (5) 4

3-1 Dazzlingly Radiant, 5-1 Thatchenne, 6-1 Iron King, Johanna Thyme, 10-1 A Little Precious, 12-1 Piquant, Top One.

8.15 EBF EXECUTIVE STAND MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-O: £2,611: 6f) (10)

1	0	CAPITAL IDEA 12 R Boss 9-0	M Roberts 3
2	4	CHICMOND 11 M Prescott 9-0	G Duffield 10
3		DAARIS D Morley 9-0	W Carson 5
4		DOMINANT SERENADE P Harris 9-0	Paul Eddery 2
5	0	FIRST GOLD 70 J Wharton 9-0	J Williams 4
6	5	STERLING PROSPECT 21 W Carter 9-0	T Williams 9
7	064	ARABELLAJILL 23 T Hallett 8-9	N Adams 6
8	40	KATIE'S DREAM 12 P Felgate 8-9	W Ryan 1
9		RED SLIPPERS L Cumani 8-9	L Dettori 7
10		SHEESHA J Czerpak 8-9	G Carter 8

2-1 Red Slippers, 3-1 Daaris, 6-1 Chicmond, 8-1 First Gold, 10-1 Capital Idea, 12-1 Arabellajill, 20-1 Dominant Serenade, 25-1 others.

8.45 BRIDGEFORD END HANDICAP

(3-Y-O: £2,784: 1m 2f) (15)

1	3653	AUDE LA BELLE 12 A Scott 9-7	J Fortune 7
2	040	IWAN 18 (B) D Morley 9-6	W Carson 10
3	60-4	SLICK STYLE 31 J Etherington 9-4	J Williams 14
4	-000	WINGS OF FREEDOM 12 (G) G Lewis 9-4	K Darley 15
5	0003	SARAH-CLARE 12 M Ryan 9-3	G Carter 6
6	-004	JARZON DANCER 12 C Wall 8-11	N Day 5
7	0100	MASTER GLEN 12 (CD,S) G Oldroyd 8-10	G Duffield 8
8	33-0	IN THE MOOD 56 M Fetherston-Godley 8-7	W Ryan 4
9	0004	FAIR DARE 19 C Booth 8-6	A Culhane 1
10	3000	KIND STYLE 16 R Hollinshead 8-5	G Hind 3
11	0-00	BEGUILED 28 Lord Huntingdon 8-5	Dale Gibson 12
12	0014	BROUGHTON BLUES 9 (S) W Musson 8-3	M Wigham 9
13	0-00	BARBARY REEF 11 G Eden 7-10	J Quinn 2
14	0-04	FINAL OFFER 14 E Eldin 7-9	A Mackay 13
15	-000	ROSE D'ETOILE 12 W Carter 7-7	T Williams 11

100-30 Aude La Belle, 9-2 Broughton Blues, 5-1 Final Offer, 13-2 Sarah-Clare, 7-1 Jarzon Dancer, 8-1 Iwan, Slick Style, Beguiled.

COURSE SPECIALISTS

TRAINERS: R Bastiman, 4 winners from 14 runners, 28.6%; L Cumani, 9 from 34, 26.5%; M Eckley, 4 from 17, 23.5%; A Scott, 3 from 20, 15.0%; D Morley, 11 from 78, 14.1%; C Tinkler, 10 from 75, 13.3%.

JOCKEYS: Pat Eddery, 38 from 150, 25.3%; W Carson, 36 from 182, 19.8%; L Dettori, 13 from 75, 17.3%; M Birch, 17 from 101, 16.8%; M Roberts, 21 from 173, 12.1%. Only qualifiers.

☐ Jack Berry, who has captured two listed juvenile prizes in Italy this term, tries for a third with Ecliptic (Fernando Jovine) in the £20,671 Premio Giuseppe de Montel (7f 110yd) at San Siro, Milan, today.

Cricket outcasts may be back in the fold next week

Gatting's Test ban could be lifted if Springboks return

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

SOUTH Africa's immediate and unconditional return to Test cricket will receive the backing of the United Kingdom delegates at a potentially historic annual meeting of the International Cricket Council (ICC) at Lord's next week.

It was confirmed yesterday that the English vote will support the racially-unified South Africa. It would, of course, have been a great surprise if it had not and the issue will inevitably depend more on the stance adopted by the non-white nations, most notably West Indies. The disparate cultures and politics there might yet demand a more cautious attitude, although it is understood that this week's heads of government meeting in St Kitts has given a provisional green light.

If readmission is agreed, England could host a full series against South Africa in 1994 but a prior visit to the country which has served 21 years in sporting exile is a strong possibility. More contentiously, the England team for such a tour could conceivably include Mike Gatting and others who are currently serving suspensions for playing in South Africa.

Alan Smith, chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board and one of three UK delegates to the ICC, said yesterday that he personally believed the five-year bans being served by Gatting and his team should be lifted if South Africa is readmitted to the international fold. He will not find unanimous agreement in the game for such an armistice.

"There would not seem to be any logical justification for continuing the ban," argues Smith. "But we want to take one step at a time. The issue before us is whether South Africa should come back into the family. Various consequences of that decision will then be discussed."

Smith's view is that unanimity among the full member nations on South Africa's return is desirable though not essential. "It is one of the biggest things to happen in ICC since they left," he said. "It is a sensitive and delicate matter and we do not want any confrontation — but neither do I expect any."

Smith agreed that his Board felt badly let down by South Africa's clandestine organisation of an unsanctioned tour by English players in 1989.

"We weren't very pleased with them and we told them so. But I am not in the business of harbouring grudges. We have to look forward. We do not have a lot of countries to play against and the return of a country which plays cricket well must be welcomed."

The prospect of an England team visiting South Africa before Christmas was virtually discounted by Smith; likewise a single Test against them in this country next summer. "We have five Tests against Pakistan and an increase in one-day internationals. There simply isn't the space in our programme."

He did not, however, raise any objections to the late addition of South Africa to next spring's World Cup in Australasia. To many, this idea would appear to be overhasty, highly problematical and motivated by nothing more than financial gain, but Australia are certain to pursue it and England will not stand in their way.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

First blood: Smith is congratulated after catching Haynes, the West Indies opener, at Trent Bridge

Ward shines but Kent disappoint

By IVO TENNANT

MAIDSTONE (first day of three; Kent won toss; Glamorgan, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 318 runs behind Kent

THERE are those who reckon that Trevor Ward is an England batsman in the making, and yesterday he showed just why. His century, very nearly made before lunch, included drives of the kind that make new ball bowlers despair. Kent did not, though, make the most of this audacious start, finishing with a total of 334.

At lunch, Ward had reached 93 off 113 balls, and this in spite of a slow outfield. Think of the young Alan Ealham, thumping the ball to all parts, and you have an idea of Ward's strength. Like Ealham his technique is a little loose but his eye is wonderfully good. So, too, is his straight driving, which brought him several of his 17 fours. There was also a hooked six.

Taylor was his usual consistent self, rarely catching the eye in making 77 but always collecting runs at a rate that did not make him appear a sluggard by comparison. Come early afternoon and Kent were 197 for one, with every prospect of making around 450 by the close.

That they did not was greatly to Glamorgan's credit. Croft had 40 unbroken overs and deserved more than three wickets, having to rely, as he did, on flight and guile.

After Ward was caught at mid-off, looking to hit straighter than that, the middle order proved curiously ineffectual. Christopher Cowdrey would have relished coming in on this pitch with the score reading 209 for three, but he cannot for the time being gain a place in Kent's side.

Furiously though Graham, his brother tried, timing initially eluded him. He took 33 overs to score his first four, by which time Fleming and Marsh had swiftly been and gone. Still, there were useful runs from Penn and McCague.

To judge by the way they ran between the wickets, Kent were intent on having a few overs at Glamorgan before the close. Cowdrey lofted Bastien for six — as clean a shot as any played by Ward and with a minimum of backlift — on his way to one of the more dogged half-centuries he will score. Although Kent rather wasted the new ball in the evening, they did rid themselves of Butcher, caught at cover square-cutting a wide one from Igglesden.

Lancs go closer to leaders

By GEOFFREY WHEELER

LANCASHIRE moved within two points of Nottinghamshire, the leaders of the Refuge Assurance League, by beating third-placed Somerset by eight wickets at Taunton yesterday in a match brought forward from July 14 because of Lancashire's involvement in the Benson and Hedges Cup final.

Somerset wasted an excellent start and declined from 170 for two in the 34th over to finish at 196 for eight, the wasteful running out of Tavaré after he had made 57 from 68 balls beginning the decline.

The total proved nowhere near sufficient to stretch such accomplished one-day specialists as Lancashire who won with three overs to spare. Mendis (79) and Lloyd (78 not out) added 117 for the second wicket.

Devon Malcolm, not required by England, took three wickets for 79 as Derbyshire bowled out Sussex for 289 at Derby. It was another bad day for the bottom club, Leicestershire, who finished at 19 for four in reply to Northamptonshire's 300 for seven declared. Fordham made a dogged 116 for Northamptonshire after Maguire had caused early problems.

Salim and Hussain hit a peak

By SIMON WILDE

THE OVAL (first day of three; Essex won toss): Surrey, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 325 runs behind Essex

THERE cannot have been a more elegant or accomplished partnership in the championship this season than that between Salim Malik and Nasser Hussain yesterday. The pair, who came together with Essex in crisis at nine for three, added 314 in five hours to give Surrey a long and gruelling day in the field. Salim scored 185 not out and Hussain 128.

Their stand broke the Essex fourth-wicket record of 298, set by Avery and Horsfall against Worcestershire at Clacton in 1948, and is the highest in first-class cricket this season.

Both Salim and Hussain played quite beautifully. It is hard to imagine either has mistimed a shot in his life, and it would certainly offend Salim's senses to do so. The only untimely thing with which they were associated was the point when they were asked to go in. Salim entered in the third over and Hussain in the fifth as Martin Bicknell gave the day an astonishing start with a wicket in each of his first three overs.

Until well after lunch both batted carefully to ensure Essex's recovery. With one exception, Salim never looked anything less than solid but Hussain survived two leg-before appeals from Bicknell in his first three overs at the crease. Salim's piece of luck came on 26, when he gave a straightforward chance to slip off Bicknell that was dropped by Greig, the Surrey captain, for whom the only good news yesterday was that he has been awarded a benefit next year.

It was scarcely mid-afternoon before Greig and his men surrendered hope of breaking the partnership, as Salim and Hussain ruthlessly punished anything wayward on the off side. The pair hit 40 fours; Salim 23, Hussain 17. Surrey's cover fieldsmen spent so much time on their stomachs they could have been members of a parachute class.

When 20, Salim reached 1,000 first-class runs in his first season of county cricket. Of his four hundreds, the smallest has been 163. Yesterday he batted for five-and-a-half hours.

Hussain, who has struggled to make a big score this year, must be learning much from batting with the Pakistan Test player. His century was his first in the championship since Essex's visit to the Oval last September. He finally played on to Murphy, who then dismissed the unfortunate Shahid first ball.

Without bowling raggedly, Surrey — who were without Waqar Younis, who is resting a back strain — were taught the benefits of pitching the ball up. It was how Bicknell claimed the wickets of Stephenson, Seymour and Prichard in 17 balls, and how Foster came to dismiss Bicknell's brother, Darren, when Essex, having declared at 338 for five, left Surrey to bat eight overs at the end of the day.

Carrick hit high and hard

By JACK BAILEY

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of three; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 417 for seven wickets against Yorkshire

HAMPSHIRE, for whom Chris Smith made a century almost inevitably, and James followed the same path — though this was his first since the first match of last season — eventually made good use of winning the toss.

They moved through the hot day at a rate of nearly four runs an over, formed the habit of lofting, the slow left-arm bowling of the persevering Carrick for six — he conceded six of them in all — and lived through a spell when, thanks to Hartley, they teetered precariously on the brink of failure.

Hartley almost turned the day on its ear when he took the wickets of Gower, Wood and Smith for no runs in the space of six balls. Gower, showing no sign of Thursday's groin strain, had played several cracking pulled fours amid a number of mistimed strokes in his 49 when he was caught at mid-wicket. He and Smith had put on 112 and the bowling was wilting.

With his next ball, Hartley had Wood leg before and, in his next over, Smith was well taken in the gully from a slower ball after hitting five sixes and ten fours in his century.

At 195 for five, Hampshire needed to take stock. They found, in James, just the man for the job. Together first with the solid Aymes, he gradually set Hampshire back on course, accelerating smoothly through the evening and, surprisingly, reaching his century in one ball fewer than Smith's 152.

As for Smith, if he does accept the offer of a post with the Western Australian Cricket Association it will have been a swan song of a season to remember. This was his fifth first-class century and his eleventh score of over 50.

He is the nearest thing to a run machine since Geoffrey Boycott. But Boycott would not, could not, have indulged himself as freely. Smith's three sixes off Carrick and two off young Batty were hit with matter-of-fact precision, none landing fewer than ten yards outside the arena. It was with a six over the low part of the pavilion that he went to his hundred, shortly to be followed by his 15,000th run for Hampshire.

GOLF

Woosnam fiddles with the levers

From MITCHELL PLATTS
GOLF CORRESPONDENT
MONACO

IAN Woosnam does not consider himself to be a machine. Yet there are times when he resembles one, and yesterday was one of them as he sprang from the pack on the Mont Agel course to capture the lead in the Monte Carlo Open.

Woosnam scored 61, the best round so far this week, for a 54-hole total of 194, 13 under par. He leads by three shots from Rodger Davis, of Australia, who shot a 67. Sandy Stephen, the halfway leader, scored a 71 for a total of 198, as did his playing partner, Severiano Ballesteros, who, however, is two shots further adrift.

Woosnam flew here in the private plane he recently purchased for £375,000. The first prize of £66,660 will take care of the first one-sixth of his outlay.

Woosnam is a tricky customer to understand, even for those of his rivals who know him well. He appeared mystified with his swing when he concluded the US Open three weeks ago with rounds of 79 and 80. He spoke of being similarly troubled following first rounds of 67 and 66 here.

The Masters champion has become a master tease. He knows that in this form there are few who can deny him emulating Nick Faldo's achievement last year of winning both the Masters and the Open in the space of three months. "That would be a dream come true," Woosnam said.

He believes he regained his touch by moving the club a fraction or so from the palm of his hand towards his fingers. "I hit a three-iron at the 8th which went over the green," he said. "But I struck the ball so well that I suddenly felt in control of my swing again.

"It was the first time this week that I felt I could win the tournament. The confidence came flooding back. I'm using a new set of clubs and the grips might be a touch too thick."

Even so, before his change at the 8th, where he had his only dropped shot, the Welshman had gathered three birdies. Woosnam, the machine, went to work on the inward half with six birdies in a 29.

Darren Clarke made six birdies in an outward half of 28, but came back in 38 for a 66.

THIRD ROUND: Leading positions (British unless stated): 194: I Woosnam, 67, 66, 61. 197: R Davis (Aus), 68, 62, 67. 198: S Stephen, 65 62, 71. 199: P Mitchell, 67 67 65; J Rivero (Sp), 64 67 68. 200: V Fernandez (Arg), 71 66 63; J Spence, 68 68 64; A Forsbrand (Swe), 72 62 66; G Turner, 66 66 68; D Clarke, 67 67 66; H Baiocchi (SA), 63 69 68; S Ballesteros (Sp), 62 69 69.

201: D Williams, 67 69 65; C Williams, 70 66 65; J Rystrom (Swe), 66 70 65; S Grappasonni (It), 66 68 67. 202: J Davila (Sp), 68 70 64; I Gervas (Sp), 64 71 67; J Van de Velde (Fr), 65 69 68; M Sunesson (Swe), 63 70 69; S Bowman (US), 67 66 69; J Hawkes (SA), 66 65 71. 203: F Regard (Fr), 72 66 65; R Boxall, 68 70 65; B Langer (Ger), 70 67 66; P Curry, 65 70 68; M Lanner (Swe), 67 67 69; G Cali (It), 68 66 69. 204: J Rutledge (Can), 66 70 68; R Lee, 72 65 67; V Singh (Fiji), 66 69 67; P Stewart (US), 69 68 67; R Stelten (US), 67 69 68; J Anglada (Sp), 68 67 69; D Smyth, 66 69 69; S Luna (Sp), 67 68 69; T Gideon (Ger), 65 67 72; C Montgomerie, 66 66 72.

205: T Planchin (Fr), 69 70 66; M Gates, 70 69 66; P Senior (Aus), 71 68 66; E Romero (Arg), 71 67 67; P McWhinney (Aus), 67 69 69. 206: P Walton, 68 71 67; P-U Johansson (Swe), 67 72 67; D Ray, 69 69 68; J Bland (SA), 68 69 69; N Hansen, 68 69 69; M Persson (Swe), 71 66 69; M Moreno (Sp), 68 65 73; L Lassalle (Fr), 67 65 74.

☐ **Bill McColl**, of the Northenden club in Manchester, finished runner-up in the Wilson club professionals championship at King's Lynn yesterday, but won a title, a trophy, the use of a car for a year, and a trip to Florida. The winner, Brett Upper, the United States champion — a special invitee — was eligible only for the £5,250 first prize.

YESTERDAY'S [illegible]

Britannic Assurance county championship

Derbys v Sussex

DERBY (first day of three; Sussex won toss): Derbyshire, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 258 runs behind Sussex

SUSSEX: First Innings

N J Lenham c Cork b Base	48
D M Smith c Krikken b Malcolm	43
J W Hall lbw b Cork	2
*P W G Parker c Base b Warner	7
M P Speight c Barnett b Malcolm	60
C M Wells b Cork	38
A I C Dodemaide c Barnett b Malcolm	2
†P Moores c Azharuddin b Goldsmith	19
A C S Pigott not out	29
I D K Salisbury c Krikken b Cork	9
A N Jones c Warner b Cork	6
Extras (b 1, lb 9, w 3, nb 13)	26
Total (90.1 overs)	289

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-89, 2-78, 3-93, 4-157, 5-195, 6-197, 7-242, 8-254, 9-279

BOWLING: Malcolm 20-3-79-3; Base 17-1-58-1; Cork 20.1-2-66-4; Warner 16-5-32-1; Barnett 2-0-9-0; Goldsmith 15-6-35-1.

DERBYSHIRE: First Innings

*K J Barnett c Moores b Pigott	8
P D Bowler not out	7
T J G O'Gorman not out	16
Total (1 wkt, 16 overs)	31

J E Morris, M Azharuddin, S C Goldsmith, †K M Krikken, D G Cork, A E Warner, S J Base and D E Malcolm to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-10.

Bonus points: Derbyshire 4, Sussex 3.

Umpires: J W Holder and B Leadbeater

CORRECTION: Sussex v Surrey, 4th July: *Sussex second innings:* D M Smith c Greig b Medlycott 46, P W G Parker c Sargeant b Waqar Younis 4, not as previously published.

Surrey v Essex

THE OVAL (first day of three; Essex won toss): Surrey, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 325 runs behind Essex

ESSEX: First Innings

J P Stephenson c Sargeant b M P Bicknell	0
A C Seymour c Sargeant b M P Bicknell	5
P J Prichard b M P Bicknell	3
Salim Malik not out	185
N Hussain b Murphy	128
N Shahid lbw b Murphy	0
†M A Garnham not out	2
Extras (b 7, lb 7, nb 1)	15
Total (5 wkts dec, 99 overs)	338

*N A Foster, P M Such, T D Topley, N Shahid and J H Childs did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-0, 2-8, 3-9, 4-323, 5-323.

BOWLING: M P Bicknell 17-3-53-3; Murphy 18-5-52-2; Feltham 18-3-89-0; Medlycott 30-5-89-0; Greig 11-1-43-0; Thorpe 5-0-18-0.

SURREY: First Innings

D J Bicknell c Garnham b Foster	0
R I Alikhan not out	5
†N F Sargeant not out	8
Total (1 wkt, 8 overs)	13

A J Stewart, D M Ward, G P Thorpe, *I A Greig, K T Medlycott, M P Bicknell, M A Feltham and A J Murphy to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-4.

Bonus points: Surrey 2, Essex 4

Umpires: R Julian and B J Meyer.

Hants v Yorks

SOUTHAMPTON (first day of three; Hampshire won toss): Hampshire have scored 417 for seven wickets against Yorkshire

HAMPSHIRE: First Innings

V P Terry c Robinson b Fletcher	13
C L Smith c Robinson b Hartley	112
*M C J Nicholas c Moxon b Hartley	16
D I Gower c Carrick b Hartley	49
J R Wood lbw b Hartley	0
K D James not out	134
†A N Aymes c Hartley b Carrick	34
R J Maru b Gough	36
Extras (b 7, lb 12, w 2, nb 2)	23
Total (7 wkts)	417

Score after 100 overs: 351-6.

I J Turner, K J Shine and Aqib Javed to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-29, 2-82, 3-194, 4-194, 5-195, 6-314, 7-417.

YORKSHIRE: *M D Moxon, A A Metcalfe, D Byas, †R J Blakey, P E Robinson, S A Kellett, P Carrick, P J Hartley, D Gough, J D Batty and S D Fletcher

Bonus points: Hampshire 4, Yorkshire 2

Umpires: K J Lyons and D R Shepherd.

CORRECTION: Yorkshire v Worcestershire, 4th July: Worcestershire second innings: Carrick 8.5-5-13-5, not as previously published.

Leics v Northants

LEICESTER (first day of three; Northamptonshire won toss): Leicestershire, with six first-innings wickets in hand, are 281 runs behind Northamptonshire

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE: First Innings

A Fordham lbw b Maguire	116
N A Felton c Nixon b Maguire	28
*R J Bailey b Maguire	0
D J Capel c Nixon b Maguire	7
K M Curran b Millns	67
E A E Baptiste c Nixon b Millns	40
J G Thomas not out	22
†D Ripley c Ripley b Millns	0
A R Roberts not out	6
Extras (b 2, lb 6, w 2, nb 4)	14
Total (7 wkts dec, 99 overs)	300

N G B Cook and J P Taylor did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-64, 2-64, 3-74, 4-221, 5-248, 6-277, 7-277.

BOWLING: Millns 19-4-70-3; Maguire 23-5-57-4; Wilkinson 13-3-33-0; Willey 29-6-78-0; Potter 15-1-53-0.

LEICESTERSHIRE: First Innings

*N E Briers not out	12
T J Boon c Cook b Thomas	0
D J Millns c Felton b Taylor	0
J J Whitaker c Baptiste b Taylor	0
L Potter c Ripley b Thomas	4
Extras (lb 1, nb 2)	3
Total (4 wkts, 8 overs)	19

B F Smith, C C Lewis, P Willey, †P A Nixon, C Wilkinson and J N Maguire to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-6, 2-14, 3-14, 4-19.

Bonus points: Leicestershire 3, Northamptonshire 5.

Umpires: A A Jones and N T Plews.

Kent v Glamorgan

MAIDSTONE (first day of three; Kent won toss): Glamorgan, with nine first-innings wickets in hand, are 318 runs behind Kent

KENT: First Innings

T R Ward c Butcher b Bastien	110
S G Hinks c Croft b Watkin	5
N R Taylor b Bastien	77
G R Cowdrey not out	56
*M R Benson c Metson b Croft	5
M V Fleming c Metson b Bastien	4
†S A Marsh c Maynard b Croft	0
C Penn c Shastri b Frost	21
M J McCague run out	28
T A Merrick lbw b Watkin	5
A P Igglesden b Croft	2
Extras (lb 8, nb 14)	22
Total (98.4 overs)	334

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-13, 2-197, 3-209, 4-222, 5-227, 6-228, 7-255, 8-310, 9-327.

BOWLING: Watkin 18-2-78-2; Frost 15-2-65-1; Bastien 25-7-73-3; Croft 39.4-8-87-3; Dale 3-0-15-0.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings

*A R Butcher c Fleming b Igglesden	12
H Morris not out	3
†C P Metson not out	0
Extras (nb 1)	1
Total (1 wkt, 8 overs)	16

R J Shastri, M P Maynard, P A Cottey, A Dale, R D B Croft, S L Watkin, S Bastien and M Frost to bat.

FALL OF WICKET: 1-16.

Bonus points: Kent 4, Glamorgan 4.

Umpires: G I Burgess and K E Palmer.

Refuge Assurance League

Somerset v Lancs

TAUNTON (Lancashire won toss): Lancashire (4pts) beat Somerset by eight wickets

SOMERSET

S J Cook b Austin	53
P M Roebuck c Hegg b Wasim	20
*C J Tavaré run out	57
R J Harden c Hegg b Watkinson	25
N J Pringle c Allott b Wasim	7
†N D Burns c and b Austin	6
R P Lefebvre run out	2
K H MacLeay b Austin	1
A N Hayhurst not out	2
H R H Trump not out	2
Extras (b 2, lb 9, w 4, nb 6)	21
Total (8 wkts, 40 overs)	196

J C Hallet did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-63, 2-104, 3-170, 4-173, 5-185, 6-187, 7-192, 8-192.

BOWLING: Allott 8-0-41-0; Martin 8-1-32-0; Wasim Akram 8-0-30-2; Watkinson 8-0-42-1; Austin 8-0-40-3.

LANCASHIRE

G D Mendis c Tavaré b Hallet	79
G Fowler c Hallet b MacLeay	20
G D Lloyd not out	78
*N H Fairbrother not out	12
Extras (lb 4, w 2, nb 2)	8
Total (2 wkts, 37 overs)	197

M Watkinson, Wasim Akram, †W K Hegg, I D Austin, N J Speak, P J W Allott and P J Martin did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-38, 2-155.

BOWLING: Lefebvre 7-0-35-0; Hallet 7-0-38-1; MacLeay 7-0-25-1; Roebuck 4-0-26-0; Trump 8-0-59-0; Hayhurst 4-0-15-0.

Umpires: D O Oslear and R C Tolchard.

TODAY

Third Cornhill Test match
11.0, 90 overs minimum

TRENT BRIDGE: England v West Indies.

Britannic Assurance county championship
11.0, 110 overs minimum

DERBY: Derbyshire v Sussex.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Yorkshire.
MAIDSTONE: Kent v Glamorgan.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Northamptonshire.
THE OVAL: Surrey v Essex.

TOMORROW

Refuge Assurance League
2.0, 40 overs

DERBY: Derbyshire v Sussex.
CHELMSFORD: Essex v Warwickshire.
SOUTHAMPTON: Hampshire v Worcestershire (1.05).
MAIDSTONE: Kent v Glamorgan.
LEICESTER: Leicestershire v Lancashire.
LORD'S: Middlesex v Yorkshire.
TRING: Northamptonshire v Surrey.

OTHER MATCH: Centenary Challenge: Taunton: Somerset v Gloucestershire (one day).

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Falmouth: Cornwall v Wiltshire. Netherfield: Cumberland v Staffordshire. Weymouth: Dorset v Devon. Hitchin: Hertfordshire v Bedfordshire. Burghley Park: Lincolnshire v Norfolk. Morris Motors: Oxfordshire v Berkshire. Shrewsbury: Shropshire v Wales.

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Sports that soar with a sheen

SIMON BARNES
ON SATURDAY

But what, people always ask me, is your favourite sport? It is hard to know how to answer this one, but as we crash headlong into one of the biggest sporting weekends of the year, with the Wimbledon finals and the third cricket Test match, it is a time for honesty.

This column does have two favourite sports: ski jumping and synchronised swimming. They show British life at its very best, I believe. As I write, the British Ski Federation continues its journey towards its own Ithaca: an artifical ski jump in this country. I have no doubt that by the next century the skies of Britain will be filled with leaping, crash-hatted, ski-dangling youths.

Meanwhile, let us salute Kerry Shacklock, who is, as I am sure you all know, Britain's No. 1 synchro swimmer. She is also, I gather, "the Silkience girl". The subject is one of endless fascination: "When competing, Kerry and her team-mates slick their hair with gelatine to hold it in place. The result is a rock-solid mat of hair, the condition destroyed, its natural shine deadened . . . using Silkience, the girls are able to restore their hair to its natural gloss and vitality."

Ms Shacklock's name was at one time romantically linked with that of the javelin thrower, Steve Backley, but alas, no longer. Well, a ski jumper and a synchronised swimmer — surely this would be a match made in heaven?

Club's true test

This column sends greetings across the Atlantic to Chittenden Cricket Club in New England. Their recent newsletter celebrates joyfully the formation of Mad River Valley Cricket Club: "We now have an opponent; we can play endless Test series against each other." They also plan matches that follow important historic principles, "challenge games against, say, Twenty-two of Battlebro". This estimable letter, true to the finest, if not the most obvious, traditions in all cricket, concludes resoundingly: "Ladies are invited to join as full-playing members if they wish. Making the teas will not be a gender-based responsibility."

Power of prayer

It is not every day that footballers can claim a bonus, including a free car, for praying. But this is exactly what happened to the Spanish side, Real Oviedo. They were desperate to get into Europe for the next season, but by the time they had played all their matches, they were a place too low. Their only chance of making Europe was if Atlético Madrid won the King's Cup, which is the Spanish knockout competition, victory in which qualifies a club for the Cup Winners' Cup.

An Atlético victory would leave Oviedo stepping up into the less prestigious Uefa. Accordingly, the director of the club invited the entire team to the great Gothic cathedral in the town. They were asked to pray that Atlético Madrid won the King's Cup. "If they win," the players were told, "you will have bonuses, and the keys to a car in your hand." Their prayers were answered: Atlético won, Oviedo go into the Uefa Cup, and the players are roaring round town in their shiny new cars.

☐ *Cricket is a team game, but some members of a side are more equal than others. Best congratulations to David Carroll, for his extraordinary contribution to Fernhill's batting against Ash Manor in a recent under-14s match. Fernhill, a small comprehensive school, managed a total of 134 for five in this 20-over match. There were 17 extras. Four batsmen made nought, another got one, yet another nine. Carroll made 107 not out. "I just had one of those days," he said. What days, I wonder. Does he fancy playing for Tewin Irregulars against the Vatican XI (a side that comprises mainly Roman Catholic clergy) on Monday?*

Hard to stomach

Enthralling facts: the 13,500 athletes who will stay in the Olympic Village in Barcelona next year will consume, according to projections: veal, pork and sausage, 162 tons; paté, eight tons, potatoes, 160 tons; pasta, 52 tons; soup, 32,500 litres; confectionery, 65 tons; fruit, 650 tons; ice cream, 65,000 litres; milk, 325,000 litres, coffee 3.2, tons. There will be 1,200 staff providing a 24-hour meal service. One million meals will be served in the course of a month. I have absolutely no idea how much booze will be consumed by the press corps throughout the same period, but I am sure the statistics will be similarly inspiring.

Beaning a snap

Here is more evidence that the game of the future is cricket; soccer hasn't got a chance in North America. Mark Murphy, an American footballer, played in the World Bowl final for Barcelona as their long snapper (that, on a point of information, is the chap who bungs the ball backwards through his legs when his team either punts or attempts a field goal; an esoteric sort of job). This involved a trip to London, since the final was at Wembley. A further point of information: in the American language, to "bean" a person in baseball is to strike him on the head with the ball. This is totally illegal and provokes massed brawls every time it happens.

Murphy, writing in *Sports Illustrated*, obvserved: "The homeboys from England are taking on a side from West Indies. Upon learning that the bowler is allowed to bean the batsman at any time, we watch the game with added interest. Time passes more quickly." Perhaps he too would like to play for Tewin Irregulars. I'm sure we could use a long snapper.

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Time for a change at the top

Harold Cudmore, skipper of Britain's 1987 challenger for the America's Cup, manager of Britain's winning team in the 1989 Admiral's Cup, and now a yachting consultant, on the vacuum left by Peter de Savary.

HERE IN Cowes, where the only tangible remains of Peter de Savary's latest America's Cup campaign are being shelved and where the latest to put their faith in his assurances are rethinking their futures, the sorrow over the apparent death of Britain's 1992 America's Cup challenge is almost palpable.

For some of us who have been involved in trying to create an environment where Britain could mount a serious challenge for the trophy that 140 years ago was presented and so promptly lost here, the sorrow has not been accompanied by surprise. The pattern is familiar: a high-profile announcement followed shortly by a complete reversal.

What is important now, before the challenge is lost irrevocably, is for de Savary to honour the latest of his public pledges to step aside completely from the British America's Cup scene. If this happens, it is possible, even at this late stage, that funding might be secured from another source. A precondition is that de Savary is not involved. His highly personalised method of operating makes it difficult for other corporations and groups to work with him, and his penchant for publicity would overshadow other backers, be they private or corporate.

If the challenge was picked up on the basis of a lower-budget, one-boat campaign for the 1992 America's Cup and maintained through to the following event, Britain would by then be one of the countries vying to win. Given continuity of funding, our sailors would have a sustained opportunity and motivation to compete internationally, our designers could be supported with professional management, and a well-organised programme would put Britain on an equal footing with the best of our competitors.

It is important that what de Savary did — show interest in challenging, secure publicity, and then not proceed — does not happen again. This happened in 1985 and would have left Britain without a challenger for 1987 had it not been for the late Sir Ian Easton's belief that it was "inconceivable that Britain should not challenge", and for Graham Walker emerging to provide the resources to underwrite the funding of the resulting White Crusader.

The 1989 non-challenge involving the interesting but irrelevant foiler Blue Arrow and much de Savary hype should be seen for what it was — a good publicity stunt but gravely damaging to serious America's Cup participation.

Not the least of the harm done was to the two other groups who might have challenged for 1992, both hampered in the quest for funding by de Savary's appetite for publicity. I am convinced from discussion with people of substance that had de Savary stood aside early, or not been on the stage at all, Britain would now have a viable challenge.

Peter de Savary's credibility in this field is now so reduced it is imperative for Britain's America's Cup prospects that he can no longer enjoy the mantle of "Britain's America's Cup Challenger". It is a mantle which could still be given to other individuals of wealth or companies with global ambitions, who share the dream of the America's Cup returning to these shores.

Sabatini holds balance of power

By ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

A RIVALRY that began six years ago in New Jersey reaches its climax this afternoon on the centre court at Wimbledon. Steffi Graf and Gabriela Sabatini have played each other 29 times in all corners of the world, including the Seoul Olympics where Germany won the gold, and almost every surface.

Yet you have to go back to the quarter-finals of the 1987 Championships to find their one and only meeting on a grass court. No prizes for guessing the winner. Graf was starting her era of domination then, had just won her first grand slam title at the French Open and was frighteningly combative.

The following year, she swept all before her to achieve the grand slam, beating Sabatini twice along the way. But the balance of power has shifted over the past 18 months. Sabatini has bloomed, Graf wilted and, this afternoon, the result will depend on Graf's ability to block out five consecutive defeats by her most persistent foe.

The worst of those was at the Lipton International in Florida in March. Graf won the first set 6-0 with a flurry of huge forehands, but Sabatini waited patiently for the storm to blow over and broke Graf's fragile spirit to take the next two sets, 7-6, 6-1. Such ghosts are hard to exorcise. Sabatini has won all their last four tie-breaks.

"Both play good tennis. Whoever is menatlly the stronger will win," Carlos Kirmayr, Sabatini's coach, said. "All the responsibility to win is with Graf." Klaus Hofsaes, captain of the German Federation Cup team, sees it differently.

"Gabriela is very confident and she knows at last she can become No. 1. She is much fitter than she was and is a good tactician, but it will be a typically tough match," he said.

Neither showed their true form in the semi-finals against opponents who could not tease out their best. Neither have dropped a set in getting to the final. Graf has responded remarkably to her humiliation by Arantxa Sánchez Vicario in Paris a month ago and, perhaps as a result of playing mixed doubles with Henri Leconte, has been getting to the net more often and winning points when she gets there.

Sabatini, in contrast, has been reluctant to exploit her natural ability at the net. The sight of Graf might prompt greater aggression, as it did in the final of the US Open last year. The Argentinian won her first grand slam title that day; she could win her first Wimbledon title today.

☐ A Scottish businessman appealed to the All England Club to extend its publicity warning spectators against buying tickets from touts, after he was refused entry to Wimbledon because he had bought two seats on the black market (John Goodbody writes).

HUGH ROUTLEDGE

Job to do: Graf today faces her most persistent foe

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Steffi Graf (Germany) v Gabriela Sabatini (Argentina)

	Tournament	Surface	Rnd	Winner	Score
1985	United Jersey	Hard	S	Graf	4-6, 6-0, 6-3
1986	VS championship	Carpet	R16	Graf	6-0, 6-7, 6-2
1986	US clay courts	Clay	F	Graf	2-6, 7-6, 6-4
1987	Family Circle Cup	Clay	S	Graf	6-3, 2-6, 7-6
1987	WITA championship	Clay	S	Graf	6-2, 6-2
1987	Italian Open	Clay	F	Graf	7-5, 4-6, 6-0
1987	French Open	Clay	S	Graf	6-4, 4-6, 7-5
1987	Wimbledon	Grass	Q	Graf	4-6, 6-1, 6-1
1987	Federation Cup	Hard	–	Graf	6-4, 6-4
1987	VS of Los Angeles	Hard	S	Graf	7-5, 7-5
1987	VS championship	Carpet	F	Graf	4-6, 6-4, 6-0
1988	VS of Florida	Hard	F	Sabatini	2-6, 6-3, 6-1
1988	Bausch & Lomb	Clay	S	Sabatini	6-3, 4-6, 7-5
1988	French Open	Clay	S	Graf	6-3, 7-6
1988	US Open	Hard	F	Graf	6-3, 3-6, 6-1
1988	Olympics	Hard	F	Graf	6-3, 6-3
1989	Australian Open	Hard	S	Graf	6-3, 6-0
1989	Bausch & Lomb	Clay	F	Sabatini	3-6, 6-3, 7-5
1989	Lufthansa Cup	Clay	F	Graf	6-3, 6-1
1989	US Open	Hard	S	Graf	3-6, 6-4, 6-2
1989	VS championship	Carpet	S	Graf	6-3, 5-7, 6-1
1990	US Open	Hard	F	Sabatini	6-2, 7-6
1990	European Indoors	Carpet	F	Graf	6-3, 6-2
1990	VS of New England	Carpet	F	Graf	7-6, 6-3
1990	VS championship	Carpet	S	Sabatini	6-4, 6-4
1991	Pan Pacific	Carpet	Q	Sabatini	4-6, 6-4, 7-6
1991	VS of Florida	Hard	F	Sabatini	6-4, 7-6
1991	Lipton Players ch	Hard	S	Sabatini	0-6, 7-6, 6-1
1991	Bausch & Lomb	Clay	F	Sabatini	7-5, 7-6

☐ *Source: Virginia Slims Slimstat System*

Farewell for man of the turf

By ALIX RAMSAY

WHEN the last ball has been struck at Wimbledon tomorrow, Jim Thorn will turn his back on the All England Club after nine years and ten championships as head groundsman. "I thought it would be easy to walk out of the gate and say goodbye, but it is harder than I thought. It is an enormous wrench," he said.

Thorn treats each of the 32 grass courts as his personal property. He has tended them and, at the end of each championship, he has torn them up and started from scratch to prepare a new surface for next year. "I get a masochistic joy out of seeing the terrible mess it makes of centre court," he said.

You would imagine such a man would be a follower of tennis but not Thorn. "I'm a golf addict. If I were a tennis fan, I might lose sight of what I'm doing here."

So what does retirement hold? A spot of gardening? "My wife does all of that," he said. "We don't even have a lawn, just flowers and vegetables. I love grass but that's the last thing I want to do when I get home."

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM WIMBLEDON

Men's singles

Winner: £240,000
Runner-up: £120,000
Holder: S Edberg (Swe)

Semi-finals

M STICH (Ger) bt S EDBERG (Swe), 4-6, 7-6, 7-6, 7-6.
B BECKER (Ger) bt D Wheaton (US), 6-4, 7-6, 7-5.

Men's doubles

Winners: £98,330 per pair
Runners-up: £49,160 per pair
Holders: R Leach (US) and J Pugh (US)

Semi-finals

J Frana (Arg) and L Lavalle (Mex) bt W FERREIRA and P NORVAL (SA), 6-2, 6-4, 7-6.
J B FITZGERALD (Aus) and A JARRYD (Swe) bt G CONNELL and G MICHIBATA (Can), 6-2, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

Women's doubles

Winners: £85,060 per pair
Runners-up: £42,520 per pair
Holders: J Novotna (Cz) and H Sukova (Cz)

Third round

A SÁNCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) and H SUKOVA (Cz) bt J CAPRIATI (US) and M PAZ (Arg), 6-2, 6-7, 6-1.

Quarter-finals

M J FERNANDEZ and Z L GARRISON (US) bt K JORDAN and L M McNEILL (US), 4-6, 7-6, 6-2.
M NAVRATILOVA and P H SHRIVER (US) bt A SÁNCHEZ VICARIO (Sp) and H SUKOVA (Cz), 6-3, 7-6.

Semi-finals

G FERNANDEZ (P Rico) and J NOVOTNA (Cz) bt M J FERNANDEZ and Z L GARRISON (US), 7-5, 6-2.
L SAVCHENKO and N ZVEREVA (USSR) bt M NAVRATILOVA and P H SHRIVER (US), 2-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Mixed doubles

Winners: £41,720 per pair
Runners-up: £20,860 per pair
Holders: Z Garrison (US) and R Leach (US)

Third round

G MICHIBATA and J M HETHERINGTON (Can) bt H Leconte (Fr) and S Graf (Ger), 6-4, 7-6.
C J van Rensburg and E Reinach (SA) bt J Siemerink and C M Vis (Neth), 6-2, 6-4.
J B FITZGERALD and P D SMYLIE (Aus) bt C SUK and H SUKOVA (Cz), 6-3, 6-4.

Men's singles (35 and over)

Quarter-finals: J M Lloyd (GB) bt S R Smith (US), 6-4, 7-6; T R Gullikson (US) bt J G Alexander (Aus), 4-6, 6-3, 6-2; P Fleming (US) bt A A Mayer (US), 6-4, retired; T E Gullikson (US) bt R L Stockton (US), 6-4, 4-6, 6-3.

Men's doubles (35 and over)

Quarter-finals: P Slozil and T Smid (Cz) bt K R Rosewall and F S Stolle (Aus), 6-2, 6-3.

Women's doubles (35 and over)

Semi-finals: R Casals and M H Pete (US) bt D E Dalton (Aus) and J C Russell (US), 6-4, 6-3; W M Turnbull (Aus) and S V Wade (GB) bt F Durr (Fr) and B F Stove (Neth), 6-2, 6-2.

Boys' singles

Quarter-finals: G Rusedski (Can) bt S Gessner (Ger), 7-5, 6-2; P Kilderry (Aus) bt K Carlsen (Den), 7-6, 7-6; T Enqvist (Swe) bt V Spadea (US), 6-7, 6-4, 6-3; M Joyce (US) bt J Holmes (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Boys' doubles

Quarter-finals: J L De Jager (SA) and A Medvedev (USSR) bt J Leach and D Witt (US), 6-1, 6-4; J Holmes and P Kilderry (Aus) bt T Enqvist and M Martinelle (Swe), 6-3, 6-2; K Carlsen and A Larsen (Den) bt G Doyle and J Eagle (Aus), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5; K Alami (Mor) and G Rusedski (Can) bt M Joyce and V Spadea (US), 7-6, 3-6, 12-10.

Girls' singles

Quarter-finals: K Godridge (Aus) bt Z Malkova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4; E Makarova (USSR) bt C Rubin (US), 6-0, 6-3; B Rittner (Ger) bt R De Los Rios (Par), 7-6, 6-1; P Nelson (US) bt S H Park (S Kor), 6-3, 6-4.

Girls' doubles

Quarter-finals: C Barclay (Aus) and L Zaltz (Isr) bt J Kruger and C Summers (SA), 6-3, 6-2; E Makarova (USSR) and M Muric (Yug) bt Z Malkova and E Martincova (Cz), 6-4, 6-4.

KEY

Arg: Argentina. Aus: Australia. Bel: Belgium. Br: Brazil. Bul: Bulgaria. Can: Canada. Col: Colombia. Cz: Czechoslovakia. Den: Denmark. Ec: Ecuador. Eire: Republic of Ireland. Fin: Finland. Fr: France. Ger: Germany. GB: Great Britain. Gr: Greece. HK: Hong Kong. Hun: Hungary. Indo: Indonesia. Isr: Israel. It: Italy. Ken: Kenya. S Kor: South Korea. Lux: Luxembourg. Mex: Mexico. Mon: Monaco. NZ: New Zealand. Neth: The Netherlands. Nor: Norway. Pak: Pakistan. Par: Paraguay. Phil: Philippines. Pol: Poland. Por: Portugal. P Rico: Puerto Rico. Rom: Romania. SA: South Africa. Sp: Spain. Swe: Sweden. Switz: Switzerland. Thai: Thailand. Uru: Uruguay. US: United States. USSR: Soviet Union. Ven: Venezuela. Yug: Yugoslavia. Zim: Zimbabwe.

Centenary marked by sponsor

The 100th tennis match between Oxford and Cambridge universities will take place at Queen's Club next Thursday and Friday with the welcome news that a sponsorship over five years of £25,000 is to be made by SmithKlein Beecham, the pharmaceutical company (David Miller writes).

The club, in recognition of the century and the origins of the match at the famous Fulham courts, is giving its facilities free. Much of the background negotiation for the event came from the initiative of Larry Bachmann, an American who is chairman of the Oxford lawn tennis club.

"This match has had several decades of obscurity due to holding it in May at university sports grounds," Bachman said. "In the future, it will be played the week after Wimbledon when the interest in the game is at its height. Inter-collegiate competition in America is one of the main streams in to world-class lawn tennis, and it is hoped that with this fixture riding on the impetus of the championships, it will stimulate the 18-23 age group."

IN BRIEF

Gornall at risk

MARK Gornall will have reduced support from his Manchester Wheelers colleagues when defending his Star Trophy lead in Bristol tomorrow. The 110-mile cycling road race, eighth in the series, clashes with the national 100 kilometres team trial championship which the Manchester club is contesting in strength.

YACHTING: Cambridge University completed a 4-2 victory over Oxford in the men's varsity sailing match at Itchnor club. The Cambridge women dominated their adversaries 7-0.

FOOTBALL: The Football Association and its chief executive, Graham Kelly, have asked us to point out that, contrary to a report in yesterday's paper, Kelly has acted with the full authority of his association and its executive and, far from refusing to meet the Football League, has several times met Arthur Sandford, the chief executive of the League, in the past few weeks.

FOR THE RECORD

BOWLS

EBBW VALE: *NatWest home international series:* Scotland bt Ireland, 111-106 (Scotland skips first): W Wood 17, W Watson 20; G Hood 18, P Smyth 16; B Rattray 20, S Adamson 20; A Marshall 18, C Davis 18; R Corsie 18, E Parkinson 18; A Blair 26, S Allen 14. England bt Wales, 117-100 (England first): J Bell 24, J Price 18; E Hanger 17, T Mounty 16; D Bryant 17, S Wilshire 18; A Thomson 19, W Thomas 16; A Allcock 24, R Weale 12; D S Ward 16, D Wilkins 20.

NETBALL

SYDNEY: World championship: Pool A: Rep of Ireland 53, N Ireland 36; Jamaica 114, Vanuatu 23; Cook Islands 84, Papua New Guinea 59; Namibia 64, Hong Kong 34. Pool B: Wales 43, Scotland 38; Australia 113, Singapore 12; Fiji 58, Sri Lanka 39; England 84, Cayman Islands 18; Western Samoa 66, Malaysia 31.

GOLF

KING'S LYNN: Wilson club professionals championship: Final leading totals: 285: B Upper (US), 68, 74, 72, 71. 286: B McColl (Northenden), 71, 70, 71, 74. 288: K Stables (Montrose), 72, 73, 70, 73. 289: S Power (Enville), 73, 71, 73, 72. 290: P Carman (Huddersfield), 70, 71, 77, 72; P Wesselingh (Chorley), 71, 70, 76, 73; P Hinton (Radcliffe-on-Trent), 73, 64, 78, 75. 292: G Emerson (Salisbury and S Wilts), 69, 72, 77, 74. 293: R Green (Whitehill), 71, 72, 77, 73; J Rhodes (South Staffs), 72, 73, 72, 76. 294: G Furey (Pleasington), 70, 75, 76, 73; M Gray (Ladybank), 74, 73, 72, 75; T Russell (Mottram Hall), 73, 76, 70, 75; C Cox (West Essex), 74, 69, 75, 76.

LEMONT, Illinois: Western Open: First-round leaders (US unless stated): 66: R Cochran, M Lye, M Sullivan, R Floyd. 67: G Hallberg, L Janzen, M Calcavecchia, R Dalpos. 68: S Elkington (Aus), C Beck. 69: R Walcott, R Wadkins, W Britton, R Tway, J Daly, J Booros, M McCumber, J Haas, G Norman (Aus).

CRICKET

RAPID CRICKETLINE SECOND XI CHAMPIONSHIP: Bristol: Nottinghamshire 365-3 dec (W A Dessaur 208 not out, G F Archer 80); Gloucestershire 191 (T H C Hancock 91, P W Romaines 51; M Saxelby 4-69) and 299 for 8 dec (Hancock 107 not out, J L P Meadows 88). Match drawn. The Oval: Surrey 300-4 dec and 191-7 dec; Yorkshire 251-4 dec and 121-5 dec. Match drawn. Worcester: Worcestershire 298-5 dec and 174-5 dec (D A Leatherdale 67 not out); Essex 200 and 130-4 (N V Knight 56 not out). Match drawn. Knowle and Dorridge: Middlesex 238 (A A Barnett 61; D R Brown 4-62) and 77-1; Warwickshire 200-4 dec. Old Trafford: Glamorgan 273 (I Smith 65, D L Hemp 57, M L Roberts 52; J Fielding 4-36) and 122-3 dec (G C Holmes 67 not out); Lancashire 107-5 dec and 280-8 (T M Orrell 72; M Davies 5-80). Match drawn. Southampton: Hampshire 302-3 dec and 271-4 dec; Northamptonshire 349-6 dec and 255. Hampshire won by 59 runs.

MINOR COUNTIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Brewood: Durham 182-2 dec and 208-7 dec; Staffordshire 173-5 and 221-5 (S J Dean 92, D Cartledge 66). Staffordshire won by 5 wkts. Fenner's: Lincolnshire 173-3 dec and 287-7 dec (S N Warman 112 not out, P J Heseltine 74, D B Storer 73); Cambridgeshire 206-2 dec and 228-7 (N T Gadsby 90, G C Ecclestone 72). Match drawn.

SCHOOLS MATCH: Culford School 211-1 dec (Smith 108 not out), Gentlemen of Suffolk 212-4.

BASEBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Chicago Cubs 9, Pittsburgh Pirates 8 (11 innings); Philadelphia Phillies 7, St Louis Cardinals 1; New York Mets 5, Montreal Expos 1; Cincinnati Reds 10, Atlanta Braves 4; San Diego Padres 5, Los Angeles Dodgers 4 (12 innings); Houston Astros 14, San Francisco Giants 8.

AMERICAN LEAGUE: Minnesota Twins 1, Toronto Blue Jays 0; New York Yankees 3, Baltimore Orioles 2; Detroit Tigers 6, Boston Red Sox 1; Seattle Mariners 3, Chicago White Sox 2; Cleveland Indians 3, Milwaukee Brewers 0; Texas Rangers 5, Oakland A's 4; Kansas City Royals 12, California Angels 5.

GLIDING

ALLEBERG, Sweden: European junior championships: Fifth day (provisional): Standard class (394km): 1, T Rubaj (Pol, SZD-55), 121kph, 1,000pts; 2, S Colombo (It, Discus), 119.5, 974; 3, S Jones (GB, Discus B), 119.35, 971. Other British: 8, M Miller-Smith (Discus), 111.18kph, 838; 17, R Toon (Discus), 107.5, 776.

Overall: 1, Rubaj, 4,126 pts; 2, R Brigliadori (It, Discus), 3,829; equal 3, Jones and M Grund (Ger, Discus B), 3,652. Other British: 11, Miller-Smith, 3,147; 24, Toon, 2,494. Club class: Fifth day (provisional): 1, J Bouzio (Fr, Pegase), 97.17kph, 987pts; equal 2, J-Y Bouilly (Fr, Pegase), 96.99 and F Schneider (Den, LS1-C), 95.08, 984. British: 18, A Garrity (ASW19), 81.83, 905. Overall (provisional): 1, Schneider, 3,333pts; 2, K Siebert (Ger, DG-101), 3,281; 3, H Jenakka (Fin, DG-101), 3,221. British: 21, Garrity, 2,398.

YACHTING

ABERSOCH: Flying Dutchman championships: Overall positions (after five races): 1, A Batzill and P Lang (Ger), 47.7pts; 2, T Berger and V Berger (Fr), 52; 3, L Santella and F Grassi (It), 52.7.

PLYMOUTH (Royal Western YC): Sigma 33 national championships: Fourth race: 1, Bounce Back (M Thompson); 2, Heritage (I Tremlett); 3, Auditac (D Harckham). Fifth race: 1, Bounce Back; 2, Blaze (W McNeil); 3, Obsession (C Sanderson).

SCARBOROUGH: Sonata national championship: Fifth race: 1, Red Hot Poker (A Mitchell and O Price); 2, Dolly (J Edwards); 3, Ghostbuster (I Gray); 4, Quiet Air (M Owers); 5, Pastiche (G Fitzgerald). Sixth race: 1, Ghostbuster; 2, Dolly; 3, Gizmo (A Laune); 4, Bee Sharp (D Turner); 5, Scarborough Fair (D Ibbotson).

POOLE BAY, Dorset: Etchells British open championship: Third race: 1, Full Pelt, G Deegan; 2, Mistress, P Heppel; 3, The Ashes, C Law. Fourth race: 1, The Ashes; 2, Full Pelt; 3, Point Blank, D Evans.

SHOOTING

DUMFRIES: National small-bore rifle meeting: Blackfriars Cup (class B): 1, W Shoreman (Portlethen), 389pts; 2, A Walker (Abingdon), 387; 3, L Marlow (Edinburgh), 386. Nestle Trophy (class B): 1, S Auldhouse (Addiscombe), 395; 2, J Bailey (Wandsworth), 394; 3, E Hughs (Humberside Police), 393. Bonehill Cup (class B aggregate): 1, Auldhouse, 1,550; 2, C Scott (Birmingham), 1,544 (after countback); 3, P Mann (Sywell), 1,544. Gilmore Shield (class C): 1, E Rennie (Vauxhall Motors), 390; 2, J Mawson (Cafferata), 389; 3, B Wright (Tegrait), 387. Newcastle Chronicle Cup (class C aggregate): 1, Rennie, 1,537 (after countback); 2, S Clarke (Addiscombe), 1,537; 3, A Pidcock (Matlock), 1,535.

Ian Hamilton Cup (men's international): 1, England, 3,852; 2, Scotland, 3,828; 3, Northern Ireland, 3,819. Mappin Challenge Shield (women's international): 1, England, 1,913; 2, Scotland, 1,902. McQueen Trophy (Class X ground aggregate): 1, H Simpson (Wick), 1,556; 2, G Winch (Bon Accord), 1,554; 3, J Oliphant (Basildon), 1,553. Nobel Sussette (Class A aggregate): 1, P Hughes (Bromyard), 1,553; 2, I Andrew (Romford), 1,550; 3, A Longbottom (Wimbledon), 1,549. Ladies challenge bowl: 1, Andrew, 1,550. Aviemore trophy (Class X 50 metres and 100 yards): 1, C Gamham (Ruislip, Middx), 391; equal 2, W Mitchell (Bon Accord), Oliphant and Simpson, 390. Bennett Cup (Class X 50 metres and 100 yards): 1, M Bebb (Deal), 394; equal 2, R Carter (Bedford) and J Sinclair (Stirkoke), 391. Fortevlot Cup (teams of four): 1, Twickenham, 1,531; 2, Bedford, 1,528. Patriotic Shield (counties): 1, Aberdeenshire, 2,335; 2, Buckinghamshire, 2,325. Daily Telegraph Cup (50 metres and 100 yards): 1, J Pearman (March), 394; 2, G Webb (Romford), 393; 3, Oliphant, 392. Daily Mail Cup (50 metres and 100 yards): 1, Webb, 394 (after countback); 2, Oliphant, 394; 3, M Phelps (Billingham), 393.

BASKETBALL

EDINBURGH: Commonwealth championships: Women: Semi-finals: Scotland 52 (N Emblem 14), England 76 (A Spry 19, F Murray 17).

ROWING

Grobler orders are obeyed in full

By MIKE ROSEWELL
ROWING CORRESPONDENT

STEVE Redgrave and Matthew Pinsent clearly do as they are told by their German coach, Jurgen Grobler. Under instructions to break the Silver Goblets Barrier record on Thursday, they did so, and when told to break the Fawley record yesterday, they did that too.

A strong following wind made conditions very fast, and should it persist, the national squad Prince Philip four are under Grobler's instructions to go for Barrier and Fawley records today, although Redgrave and Pinsent's instructions are "just to win" in their confrontation with Narmontas and Kucinskas, of the Soviet Union.

The lightweight, Peter Haining, broke no records in the Diamond Sculls, but laid to rest the myth that "lightweights cannot row down heavyweights". To the delight of a vociferous evening crowd, Haining overtook the 14st Alexandr Marchenko, from Moscow, after the three-quarters of a mile signal. With two notable heavyweight scalps now to his credit, his race today against the holder, Eric Verdonk, from New Zealand, is eagerly awaited.

Other crews took advantage of the conditions to enter the record books. Imperial College's Henley Prize eight responded to the attention devoted to Bristol University this year by beating Bristol's one-day-old record to Fawley and the full course record.

Winchester's Visitors Four, stroked by the junior medal-winner, Richard Manners, beat the Fawley record in spite of steering officially described as "deplorable" off the start. Winchester now confront the "selected" Goldie crew with four Blues on board.

School crews in the Princess Elizabeth produced both records and upsets. King's Canterbury trailed to the "selected" Shrewsbury to the Mile, but edged past to win by a canvas. Hampton rose to the Henley occasion and beat the fancied Pangbourne. St Joseph's Prep are the only American crew left in the semi-finals, Eton performing within themselves to eliminate St Paul's, Concord, and almost casually beating the old Fawley record in the process.

Spectators and competitors can rest assured that the fast performances at Henley were not "drug-assisted". At a meeting yesterday, Peter Coni, the regatta chairman, announced that random drug tests are taking place at Henley this year for the first time.

The tests are being conducted by trained Sports Council personnel, and, the chairman added, they are "strict and confidential". He did not expect any positive results.

Laura Thompson

Sloane Rangers have deserted Henley's regatta

MRS Betty Kenward has finally been put out to grass after holding down for an extravagant number of years the job of writing "Jennifer's Diary" for *Harper's and Queen.* I am considering applying for this vacant post. The 1991 CV looks good — polo in May, Ascot in June, Henley in July — all it needs now is for my father to throw a belated coming-out dance and, *voilà*, I shall be doing The Season.

Except that I doubt that Mrs Kenward ever left Henley, drove across London, came out the other side at The Brentwood Leisure Centre and, surrounded by men shouting, "Burn him, burn him," threw her wedding-cake hat into the ring and cheered Nigel Benn on to compehensive victory over Kid Milo.

I state that I am in fact the only person in the world to have attended both the Henley Royal Regatta and the Brentwood fight; the only person to have lunched on guacamole with people who worship Michael Watson (not that Diana and Michael are so different, both typical English heroes — good-looking, quietly spoken, not quite at the top of their professions).

Is it Brentwood or Henley which is truly 'English'? The boathouse or the leisure centre, Pimm's or lager?

Of the two events, I preferred the boxing. But the fault is not with Henley, it is with me. I am not nice enough for Henley. Henley is the Queen Mother and David Niven and Julie Andrews and Henry Blofeld, it is uncomplicated and serene and charming, it is people one does not know asking one to have lunch with them, it is almost numbingly pleasant, it is too good for me. Get me down to Brentwood, amid the split lips, the snarling and the shouting.

I suppose that Mrs Kenward was wont to write about Henley as a social event but it is far less overbearingly snobbish than either polo or Royal Ascot. In fact, it is not at all what I had expected. I had feared that I should spend the day teetering past chunks of boatered public schooldom shouting "oik, oik, oik" and pointing at my shoes; or being elbowed from the champagne bar by chunks of Fulham Road estate agentdom taking the day off from selling bijou wall cabinets in SW10 and hoping to be thought upper-middle class.

But these images came from the 1980s, where people acted out The Sloane Ranger Handbook and wore in their blazer lapels the white rose of the Peter Yorkist; the Eighties, when people earned money and spent it on becoming a cardboard cut-out posh person; the Eighties, when people bought a jeroboam of Dom Perignon, 50 striped shirts from Hilditch and Key and a Porsche while waiting for the Nikkei Dow to start trading. Those days are over. The synthetic Henley-goer is no more. At Henley in 1991, people are not trying to be ladies and gentlemen, to be English, to be traditional — they just are those things.

I kept plunging, like Eric Morecambe, through marquee curtains, looking for altercations, for some oddities, but everywhere was the same as everywhere else: water, sun, wet grass, picnics, niceness. Rupert Very-Big-Thick the Rower looked fit but haggard; Rupert Old-Blue met up with the members of the 1950 Isis crew; Sophie Sandwich-Maker looked harried but happy; Rupert Sixth-Former, unmistakably an Etonian with his floppy wings of hair and his John Wayne-down-the-King's-Road stride, pulled on a Silk Cut as if it were a Senior Service and got drunk on three pints of lager; Georgina Swizzlestick, dressed as a milkmaid, yelped at him occasionally then subsided into a sulkily respectful silence.

Henley is unimprovable. No goodwill is required to see that it is beautiful or to have a nice time there; if I found it too static, too tranquil, that is my fault, for its charm is that it does not strain after any of its effects. If a tourist wants to see England being unselfconsciously itself then Henley is the place to go.

Or is Brentwood the place to go? The Elizabethan timbered boathouse or the leisure centre? Pimm's or lager? The restrained holler for the Alma Mater or the atavistic cock-fighter's roar? Herbert Johnson panama or Joe Bloggs baseball cap? Which of these is the more definitive of the word "English"?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS FROM HENLEY

Thames Cup

Holders: Nottinghamshire County RA

Third round

Neptune, Ireland bt Tideway Scullers Sch B 2l, 6:27; Univ of Pennsylvania A (US) bt Vesta 2½l, 6:35; Univ of London bt Marlow, 1½l, 6:25; Cherwell bt Quintin ¾l, 6:29; Rob Roy bt Univ of Pennsylvania B (US), ½l, 6:33; London bt Tideway Scullers Sch A, ¾l, 6:22; Bedford A bt City of Oxford A, ½l, 6:21.

Double Sculls

Holders: A Rudkin and A Kittermaster, Tideway Scullers Sch and Barclays Bank

Second round

D Martinelli (Univ of London) and A Butt (London) bt T Spires and C Williams (Tideway Scullers Sch), 2¾l, 7:22; Yale (US) bt Natacio Banyoles, Spain, 1l, 6:20; V Hussey and L Collins (Commercial, Ireland) bt A Graham and M Burbanks (Molesey), ½l, 7:10; B Eltang (Danske Studenters, Denmark) and H Bang (Fana, Norway) bt C Andrews and I Dryden (Kingston), 4½l, 7:14; R Luke and C Sluse (Leander) bt S Winter and T Dorrell (Stourport), easily, 7:28.

Silver Goblets

Holders: K Sinzinger and H Bauer, Austria

Second round

S Redgrave and M Pinsent (Leander) bt M Orr and C Riches (Molesey), 5l, 7:26; P Murray and M Murray (Cappoquin, Ireland) bt C Leonard and J Cooney (Molesey), 2¼l, 7:55; J Narmontas and S Kucinskas (Dinamo Vilnius, USSR) bt N Chapman and I Watson (Rob Roy), 5l, 7:42.

Queen Mother Cup

Holders: Danmarks Rocenter, Denmark

First round

Upper Thames A bt Upper Thames B, 1ft, 6:53; Leander and Tideway Scullers Sch bt Henley 2¾l, 6:50; Royal Belfast Acad and Lagan Scullers bt Tideway Scullers Sch B 2¾l, 6:58. Second round: Wallingford bt Upper Thames C, 2¼l, 7:01; Kingston bt West Midlands RA, 4¼l, 7:05.

Wyfold Cup

Holders: London

Third round

Nottinghamshire County RA bt Bedford B, 2½l, 6:59; Christiania Roklub, Norway bt Imperial Coll, London, easily, 6:56; Thames Tradesmen A bt Quintin 1½l, 7:04.

Diamond Sculls

Holders: E Verdonk, New Zealand

Second round

E Verdonk (Koru, New Zealand) bt M T Otto (Thames), easily, 8:04; C Holmes (Star and Arrow) bt S D Buluswar (Culver Military Acad, US), easily, 8:29; W van Belleghem (Gent, Belgium) bt T Mossop (Kingston), 5l, 7:50; P Haining (Nottinghamshire County RA) bt A Marchenko (Dinamo Moscow, USSR), 1l, 7:44.

Britannia Cup

Holders: University Coll, Galway

Third round

Nottingham and Union bt Galway, Ireland, 2l, 7:06; Nottinghamshire County RA bt Thames 3¾l, 7:05; Lea A bt Groton Sch (US), 1¾l, 7:04

Visitors Cup

Holders: University of London

Second round

Winchester Coll bt Univ of York, easily, 7:34; Goldie A bt Eton Coll and Windsor Boys Sch, 1½l, 6:59; Univ of London bt Oxford Univ Lightweights, 3¼l, 7:08; Durham Univ bt Liverpool Poly, 3l, 7:10

Henley Prize

Holders: Imperial Coll, London

Third round

Imperial Coll, London bt Reading Univ, ¾l, 6:23; Downing Coll and Corpus Christi Coll, Cambridge bt Southampton Univ, 1¾l, 6:39; Univ of Bristol bt New Coll, Oxford, easily, 6:29; Nihon Univ, Japan bt Oxford Poly A 1½l, 6:25.

Princess Elizabeth Cup

Holders: Eton College

Third round

Hampton Sch A bt Pangbourne, 2½l, 6:33; King's Sch, Canterbury bt Shrewsbury Sch, canvas, 6:32; St Joseph's Prep Sch (US) bt Westminster 1½l, 6:41; Eton Coll bt St Paul's Sch, Concord (US), 1¼l, 6:30.

EQUESTRIANISM

Italian snatches prize with the final effort

By JENNY MACARTHUR

PIA Laus, of Italy, provided a dramatic end to the opening day of the Hermès international dressage meeting at Goodwood yesterday whenshe and 13-year-old Adrett, the last to go in the grand prix, took over the lead, finishing one mark ahead of Isabelle Werth, the German women's champion, on Weingart.

Laus won four team gold medals on Adrett for Germany in the European young rider's championships between 1986 and 1989. She changed to her father's Italian nationality two years ago because she thought she would have more chance of making the senior team for Italy.

Jennie Loriston-Clarke and Dutch Gold maintained their position at the head of British dressage when they finished a close fourth. Dutch Gold, a son of Dutch Courage, performed one of his best tests which bodes well for the European championships in September for which he is likely to be the mainstay of the British team.

Laura Fry, who is determined to be on that team, increased her chances with a confident performance yesterday on Quarryman which put her into joint seventh place. She is now qualified, for the first time, for the grand prix special today.

☐ Veronique Whitaker achieved the biggest win of her career when she wrested the national showjumping title from her husband Michael on the final day of the Royal Show at Stoneleigh in Warwickshire on Thursday. She was riding Henderson Flarepath, a 12-year-old mare originally bought by Michael for himself.

☐ The International Equestrian Federation has set 15 July as the date for deciding where the European Championships, originally due to be held in Yugoslavia, will take place.

HERMÈS INTERNATIONAL DRESSAGE: Grand Prix: 1 Adrett (P Laus, Italy) 1528; 2 Weingart (I Werth, Germany) 1527; 3 Barin (R Klimke, Germany) 1488; 4 Dutch Gold (J Loriston-Clarke, GB) 1487; 5 Clavecimbel (B Rutten, The Netherlands) 1455; 6 Olympic Duphars Courage (T Bartels, The Netherlands) 1445.

HENDERSON BSJA CHAMPIONSHIPS: 1, Henderson Flarepath (V Whitaker); 2, Henderson My Messieur (M Whitaker); 3, U-Two (C Edwards)

FOOTBALL

Venables agrees to new contract

TERRY Venables, in his new capacity as chief executive of Tottenham Hotspur plc, has agreed a five-year contract with the company with effect from July 2 at a salary of £225,000 a year, subject to an annual review by his fellow directors (Dennis Signy writes).

In addition Venables will also receive an annual bonus of 1.5 per cent of Tottenham's consolidated net profit.

Venables, whose contract as manager of the football club expired at the end of May, will now receive a £50,000 pay increase to make him the highest paid executive in football.

His previous salary was £175,000, plus bonuses dependent on the performance of the football team.

Details of the financial arrangements were revealed in a 31-page exchange document delivered to Tottenham shareholders yesterday following the acquisition of a controlling interest in the company on a 50-50 basis by Venables and Alan Sugar, the chairman of Amstrad.

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Becker discovers a new opponent awaiting him in the Wimbledon final as Edberg suffers the greatest shock of the championships

Stich dispatches the master of serve and volley

By ANDREW LONGMORE
TENNIS CORRESPONDENT

AFTER three years, the dance has ended, the tryst has been broken and, in the absence of Stefan Edberg, Boris Becker has a new partner for his annual dance on the final Sunday of the championships. Both at least should know the steps. Becker's 6-4, 7-6, 7-5 defeat of the unseeded David Wheaton was predictable enough: the victory of his fellow German Davis Cup player, Michael Stich, over the defending champion Stefan Edberg was a much greater shock than Navratilova's defeat earlier in the week. The German Nos. 1 and 2 will take over the centre court tomorrow, the first all-German grand slam final in history.

In defeat, Edberg can at least take comfort from some peculiar statistics. He did not lose his service in any of the four sets and only conceded 23 points in 24 service games. Yet, even for the acknowledged master of the serve and volley, the fact that he lost three consecutive tie-breaks to a player much less experienced at such levels of the game will haunt the champion for many months to come.

At least his humour remained as intact as his service. "It was a pity they ever invented the tie-breaker," he said. "But if they hadn't, I think we would still be playing the second set." Ironically, the ultimate power of the tie-break came the day after the death of its instigator, Jimmy van Alen.

Edberg, however, had only himself to blame for the loss of the third set tie-break which turned the course of the match. At 4-2 up and with a break as precious as a puddle in the desert, Edberg let a cross-court forehand by Stich land on the baseline to level the score at 4-4, and when the German had a point to take a two sets to one lead, the Swede completely missed a smash losing the tie break 5-7 after two hours and 14 minutes.

"You can't afford to do that when the match is so tight," Edberg said. "I just didn't watch the ball, but the problem was that I lost the timing on my returns and I played three or four bad points. There was not much between us." The proverbial cigarette paper, in fact.

Yet, as the defending champion strode through the first set much as he had the previous five rounds, there was little sign of the impending danger. He broke the No. 6 seed in the fifth game of the match — the only break, as it turned out — and reduced Stich to clapping his racket in acknowledgement. Both Stich and the packed Centre Court felt that a lesson was about to be delivered, but, to his eternal credit, Stich stuck to his guns and matched the champion serve-for-serve, volley-for-volley.

Rallies were rarely longer than two strokes as both men produced consistently excellent service games. In such a bombardment, there seemed to be only one winner; Edberg had been in similar situations countless times before, while Stich was playing only his second grand slam semi-final, just a month after his first. The German, though, is clearly a very fast learner, as his impressive academic record indicates.

Adopting a caution that is not apparent in his tennis, he did not rush into a professional career until he had finished his school exams and secured a place at university. Only then, with something to fall back on, did he venture onto the circuit. Barely two years ago, he was still not ranked in the top 100. Even at the start of the year, he was only just under the top 50, but he has won more matches than anyone else on the tour this year and his sharpness was soon evident.

When he got his nose in front he did not let up and, when Edberg exerted enormous pressure in the fifth game of the fourth set, it seemed that the German must fold. Instead, he kept finding wonderful length on his second serve, out-served the Swede by eight aces to one and held firm to add to Edberg's increasing frustration.

With the confidence of the second and third set tie-breaks behind him, it was Stich and not Edberg who must have relished the prospect of a third. Having saved four break points in that crucial fifth game, both players seemed to know that a third tie break was inevitable. When the moment came, however, Stich broke with a backhand service return to lead 2-1 and then rubbed in his superiority with an ace to 4-1 and a forehand pass to 5-1.

When he produced another backhand service return using his full 6ft 4in to arrow the ball back down the line, Edberg knew that the game was up and.

"It might not hit me until tonight that I have lost," Edberg said, "but I gave it away, that's all there is to it."

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LTA tries Florida style

THE Lawn Tennis Association is on the verge of enlisting the help of Nick Bollettieri in the search for a British Wimbledon champion (Alix Ramsay writes).

His tennis academy in Florida has already produced a string of leading players, including Andre Agassi and Monica Seles, and he is keen to open a similar school in this country. David Lloyd has offered Bollettieri the chance to join forces with his clubs, but it seems that the American would prefer to work with the LTA.

IAN STEWART

Heavy-handed: Stich strikes one of the fierce serves that troubled Edberg yesterday

Swift success for German who had a go

MICHAEL Stich, whose name properly pronounced sounds like a sneeze, is the contradiction of contemporary professional sport. He has not been thinking exclusively of hitting a small ball ever since he first lifted a knife and fork, nor has he been fashioned by some coach on a permanently revolving wheel of tennis sculpture. He was a good sportsman who decided, at 18, to give it a go.

Mind you, he won't have the crowds breaking down the All England Club gates to get in to tomorrow's final. Stich, 6ft 4in and with a service as resonant and regular as Big Ben, is the Nineties version of Fred Stolle, the nicest man to lose three consecutive Wimbledon singles finals since Von Cramm did the same. Fred, who had a fine off-court sense of humour, would not object to the view that Stich is equally statuesque as he stands on the service line. He wore down Stefan Edberg with as much variety as the dripping of a leaking roof: he kept coming at him.

A Yugoslav colleague, who has seen 40 years of Wimbledon, expressed the view that if yesterday's match was modern tennis, then it was time for him to retire.

It was ironic that the first defending grand slam champion to lose without surrendering his service should do so the day following the death of the octogenarian Jimmy van Alen, American architect of the tie-break. The gregarious van Alen, who until a year ago could still be seen strolling at Wimbledon in his familiar straw hat, had in vain spent a lifetime, since his tennis playing days at Cambridge University, advocating the Van Alen Simplified Scoring System, in which every game is scored in tie-break fashion.

A rueful Edberg, no more or less emotional than had he just won the trophy for the third time, said afterwards that it was a good thing the tie break had bveen invented "or we'd still be out there playing the second set."

There is an element of German profundity about the 22-year-old Stich, whose father is an economist. The son's favourite reading is Nadolny's *Die Entdeckung der Langsamkeit* (The Discovery of Slowness), for what it teaches him about himself. Yet he was a conventional schoolboy until he was 17, qualifying for university, playing football, and, for its reflective qualities, golf.

His extraordinary progress in three-and-a-half years from a ranking in 1987 of 795 to his present seventh has been, he says, almost wholly mental. "I was regularly playing the top players, and usually losing," he said afterwards, trying to come to terms with his second victory in successive days over a grand slam champion. "So I began to ask myself, why?" Nadolny was clearly getting to him.

Edberg yesterday, all too clearly, was not. Edberg gave the opinion — in that friendly Swedish monotone that is like the doctor reassuringly telling you not to worry about the backache — that he lost the match more than Stich won it: which, coming from the phlegmatic Edberg, carries not a trace of immodesty or disparagement of the opponent. He is just telling the truth. "I lost the timing on my service return, as simple as that...It was my match in the first two sets."

Edberg's own service, some degree the slower, never functioned well, his second serve often being the more effective. There were long spells of silent disbelief from the centre court as the match began to drift away from him. As he tenuously held on for 4-4 in the fourth set after a double fault, a middle-aged, female, British voice, one of those who has come to regard the London-based Swede as an adopted Englishman, called out: "Come *on*, Stefan."

He didn't, or he couldn't. It was just one of those days.

Resolute Richards responds in the face of adversity

By ALAN LEE, CRICKET CORRESPONDENT

TRENT BRIDGE (second day of five): West Indies, with five first-innings wickets in hand, are 38 runs behind England

THE genial smile which has been Vivian Richards's constant touring companion this summer finally left his face at five minutes past two yesterday afternoon. The Trent Bridge scoreboard read 45 for three, England were rampant and Richards was obliged to confront the prospect of losing his unbeaten record as West Indies captain in his very last series.

Stony-faced and single-minded, Richards accorded the dilemma his most serious attention. Coming from this man, even at the age of 39 and in his 119th Test match, this is a considerable compliment, and for more than three hours Richards threatened an innings which would settle this match.

He had not made a century in 11 Tests, the longest gap since he made his first in only his second game, 17 years ago. He wanted this one badly and it would have numbered among his best, not for the power or quality of strokeplay but for the graphic intensity of his determination that this match, and with it almost inevitably the series, should not slip away.

When, at 80, after a stand of 121 with the splendidly combative Logie, the ambition died, his dignity failed him too. Bowled off his pads by Illingworth, he declined to walk. Inexcusably, he also declined to look at the umpires who, curiously, were both signalling him out. If his inference was that Russell had dislodged the bail himself, replays were proving otherwise even as Richards was reluctantly retreating to a storm of booing, a terribly sad end to what was so nearly his glorious day.

That such an innings was demanded of Richards further indicted the relative frailty of the batting around him. This is not an inadequate top four when judged by the standards of others; it is just that, as with other aspects of this West Indian side, it is not quite what it was.

England's progress through the top order owed as much to the embryonic dependability of DeFreitas as it did to the effervescence of Lawrence. Their lofty position, however, had first been earned by the trench warfare which continued yesterday morning, ultimately adding 72 runs for the last two wickets and gaining the psychological high ground of 300. Lawrence, affectionately adopted by another full house, played a significant role here, too.

Robin Smith supervised the operation and although he ran out of partners, for the second consecutive Test innings, both Illingworth and Lawrence had supported him well. Illingworth fell to the third over with the new ball, turning away from a short one from Ambrose and gloving it to second slip.

Lawrence was dropped once, by his mortified Gloucestershire new-ball partner, Walsh. Smith was also put down, by Richards at slip. These were misses to infuriate the fielding side who, at 228 for eight, had been in such control, and when they did get to bat, they lost both openers in the nine remaining overs before lunch.

DeFreitas set things up with his miserly opening spell but it was Lawrence, slowly conquering his painful early nerves, who made the breach. Haynes was acrobatically caught, one-handed at short-leg, by Smith, vindication of his dedicated, if sometimes bizarre practice routines.

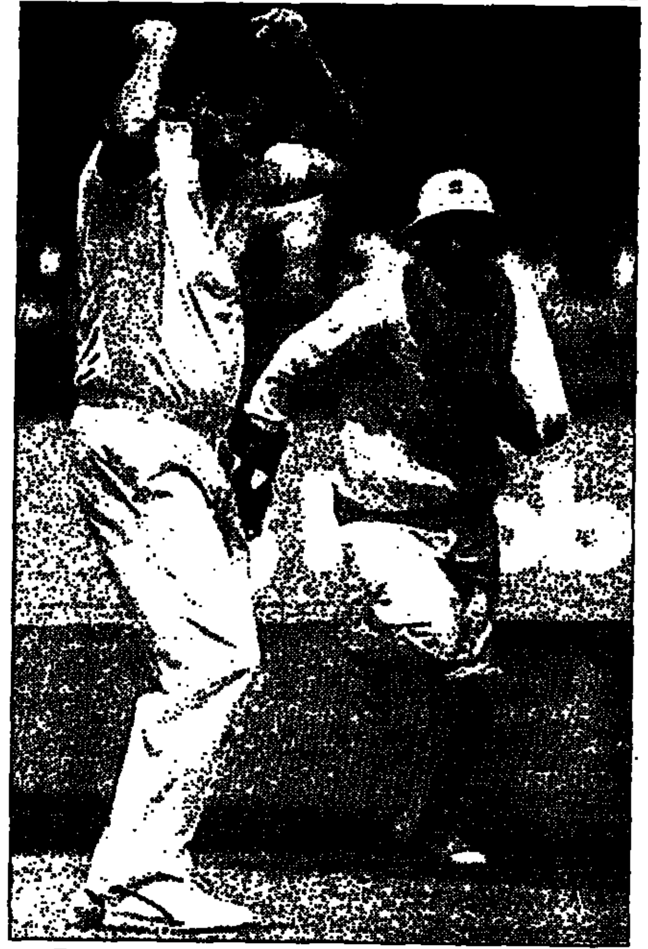
Simmons, never at ease, prodded suspiciously forward to the first ball of the next over and squirted it on to his stumps. Illingworth, thus, became the eleventh man in history, and the first for 31 years, to take a wicket with his first ball in Test cricket. A pity, then, that for the rest of the day he pitched repeatedly well outside leg stump, a tactic which is at best unattractive and at worst a mockery of the spin bowler's art.

He may say it was worth it for the wicket of Richards but to bowl in this fashion earlier, at a time when Hooper and Richardson had gone and West Indies were under the cosh, was illogically negative.

Richards and Logie were thus helped in their first objective of entrenchment, so essential after Richardson had played on to a swinging yorker from Lawrence as he aimed to drive. When the bad ball came, neither man was afraid to dispatch it. Logie hooked Lawrence for six; Richards later straight-drove him to the sightscreen. Both, at times, were also discomfited by the burly pace bowler.

After Richards's lonely exit, the third time in the series he has threatened but not delivered a century, the day's honours were about even but England know they must strike early today if this tantalising prize is not to be put beyond them.

HUGH ROUTLEDGE



Dream start: Illingworth celebrates a wicket with his first delivery in Test cricket

England won toss

ENGLAND: First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
*G A Gooch lbw b Marshall	68	—	10	130	110
Offered no shot to ball cutting back from off					
M A Atherton lbw b Ambrose	32	—	2	123	80
Half forward as ball angled in					
G A Hick c Dujon b Ambrose	43	—	4	155	113
Gloved lifting ball down leg side					
A J Lamb lbw b Ambrose	13	—	1	39	21
Beaten on defensive back-foot shot					
M R Ramprakash b Ambrose	13	—	—	87	64
Hit round dipping, slower yorker					
R A Smith not out	64	—	5	192	150
†R C Russell c Logie b Allen	3	—	—	32	22
Turned ball wide of square leg					
D R Pringle c sub (Lambert) b Allen	0	—	—	9	6
Flicked ball towards square leg					
P A J DeFreitas b Walsh	8	—	1	12	12
Played across ball moving in from off					
R K Illingworth c Hooper b Ambrose	13	—	2	61	46
Gloved bouncer to second slip					
D V Lawrence c Allen b Marshall	4	—	—	51	24
Lunge to extra cover					
Extras (lb 17, w 1, nb 21)	39				
Total (103.5 overs, 454min)	300				

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-108 (Gooch 64), 2-113 (Hick 0), 3-138 (Hick 10), 4-186 (Hick 40), 5-192 (Smith 2), 6-212 (Smith 19), 7-217 (Smith 23), 8-228 (Smith 26), 9-270 (Smith 40).

BOWLING: Ambrose 34-7-74-5 (nb 10 w 1) (7-2-19-0, 9-2-23-2, 8-1-12-2, 10-2-20-1); Marshall 21.5-6-54-2 (nb 9) (6-1-20-0, 8-3-18-1, 1-1-0-0, 6.5-1-16-1); Walsh 24-4-75-1 (6-1-26-0, 6-2-15-0, 12-1-34-1); Allen 17-0-69-2 (nb 6) (6-0-28-0, 5-0-13-0, 6-0-28-2); Hooper 6-4-10-0 (2-1-9-0, 4-3-1-0); Richards 1-0-1-0.

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: 50: 66min, 14.5 overs; 100: 119min, 27.4 overs. Lunch: 106-0 (Gooch 63, Atherton 31), 28 overs; 150: 200min, 45.2 overs. Tea: 175-3 (Hick 35, Ramprakash 12), 56 overs. 200: 290min, 67.1 overs; 250: 363min, 82.5 overs. Close: 269-8 (Smith 40, Illingworth 13) in 90 overs. Second day: new ball at 270-8, 91.4 overs; 300: 453min, 103.4 overs. Innings closed: 12.03pm.

WEST INDIES: First Innings

		6s	4s	Mins	Balls
P V Simmons b Illingworth	12	—	2	41	25
Beaten between bat and pad					
D L Haynes c Smith b Lawrence	18	—	3	38	26
Bat-pad going forward to short leg					
R B Richardson b Lawrence	43	—	6	95	75
Hit round inswinging yorker					
C L Hooper c Russell b DeFreitas	11	—	1	25	22
Low catch off defensive shot					
*I V A Richards b Illingworth	80	2	8	209	155
Charge down pitch, scrambling back					
A L Logie not out	72	1	7	161	126
†P J L Dujon not out	3	—	—	37	30
Extras (b 2 lb 7, nb 14)	23				
Total (5 wkts, 74 overs, 318min)	262				

M D Marshall, C E L Ambrose, C A Walsh and I B A Allen to bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-32 (Simmons 12), 2-32 (Richardson 0), 3-45 (Richardson 2), 4-118 (Richards 18), 5-239 (Logie 52).

BOWLING: DeFreitas 20-7-37-1 (4-2-7-0, 8-4-19-1, 6-1-9-0, 2-0-2-0); Lawrence 17-2-67-2 (nb 9) (4-1-25-1, 6-0-32-1, 7-1-30-0); Illingworth 24-7-78-2 (nb 1) (7-0-29-1, 4-0-14-0, 4-1-28-0, 9-6-7-1); Pringle 9-2-34-0 (nb 5) (3-1-11-0, 6-1-23-0); Hick 4-0-17-0.

INTERMEDIATE SCORES: Lunch: 35-2 (Richardson 0, Hooper 3), 9 overs. 50: 79min, 17.3 overs. 100: 118min, 26.2 overs. Tea: 145-4 (Richards 23, Logie 20), 36 overs. 150: 169min, 37.1 overs. 200: 231min, 52.5 overs. 250: 292min, 67.4 overs.

Umpires: J H Hampshire and M J Kitchen

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A test of nerves that even bowlers have to pass

JOHN WOODCOCK

IT IS not generally realised, I think, that bowlers suffer from nerves, just as batsmen do. Batsmen, but never bowlers, are known for being nervous starters; some say they play better for having butterflies in their stomachs when waiting to go in.

It was not until sharing a room with Brian Statham on an MCC tour of Australia that I saw how bowlers can be similarly affected. Statham and Peter Loader were inseparable companions, to be compared with Graham Gooch and John Emburey when they toured together. When, four days before the first Test at Brisbane in 1958-9, Loader got flu, priority was given to removing Statham from the risk of infection. Hence the manager, Freddie Brown's request that until the match was over Statham should move in with *The Times*.

Of all the cricketers I have known, none was more easy-going than Statham. He could have put on a blindfold and still bowled a side out, he was so naturally accurate; he took everything in his stride. Yet when the first morning of the Test match broke, he was unmistakably agitated. "Aye" he said, "It's always t'same until match gets started."

If the most relaxed of all fast bowlers felt like that, it is no wonder that David Lawrence should have been so obviously keyed up yesterday. Statham never had to worry about rhythm; Lawrence does. I don't recall Statham bowling a no-ball; Lawrence bowls any number. Here, though, Statham had the advantage of playing under the infinitely more satisfactory back-foot law. Lawrence's first ball yesterday, an off-side long hop, was cut savagely for four by Haynes; his second was a shoulder-high full toss. It was to his credit that he came back from that as well as he did.

Frank Tyson, believed by Sir Donald Bradman to be as fast a bowler as he has seen, was another to whom rhythm did not come naturally. When things clicked, as they did for three glorious months in Australia in 1954-5, Tyson was like lightning. Arthur Morris, an Australian opening batsmen at the time, compared the difference, in speed, between batting against Tyson at one end and Statham at the other to batting against Statham at one and Trevor Bailey at the other. And Statham was waspishly fast.

The fastest deliveries I have seen this year — in Australia, West Indies and England — were by Waqar Younis at the Oval in May. Yesterday afternoon, for an over or two, Lawrence was pretty nearly as quick. But Richards and Logie weathered the storm, and we were left to watch Illingworth being allowed, presumably encouraged, to bowl as no self-respecting left-arm spinner ever did or ever should. One last thought: Tyson made the best of his strength and wholeheartedness only after Len Hutton had advised him to take ten yards off his run-up. Until then he ran as far as Lawrence does now.

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